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(Allies) Gold Commission to be

redistributed to the govern-

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delayed because of the refusal

by Albania, a potential benefi-

ciary, to settle a compensation

claim from the British Gov-

erament for the mining of the

Corfu channel in 1946 which de-

stroyed a Royal Navy warship.

However, a settlement is ex-

embassy in London, said his

government would examine the

Foreign Office document. He said the Swiss parliament was

already bringing in legislation to enable the opening up of ac-counts to assist investigations

and they were now willing to es-

tablish as accurately as possible

after 50 years what had hap-

Robert Reich, of the Swiss

The final restitution has been

ed by the Nazis.

pected soon.

Swiss asked: 'Where is that stolen gold?' pened to the Nazi gold and to the accounts of individual Jews CHARLIE BAIN

and LOUISE JURY

Jan Kornhauser was a Jewish businessman who ran a suc-cessful jewellers shop in Krakow, southern Poland, in the 1930s. In the winter of 1940 the Nazis raided his store and "confiscated" his stock, including thousands of pounds worth of gold bullion, diamonds and crafted jewellery. He fled to Switzerland and died in 1964.

Fifty six years on, his grandson, Sebastian Kornhauser, is attempting to recover his grandfather's property which he claims is "rightfully" his. "I don't know exactly how much the Nazis took, but I know from what my grandmother and my grandfather's business associates have told me that he was a very rich man. After all, he was the first man in Poland to have a telephone."

Mr Kornhauser could now have the British government belping to fight his corner. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is to put pressure on the Swiss government to explain what happened to gold looted by the Nazis and will raise the missing billions with Swiss for-

ica in recent weeks, had shown counts at the end of World War

But a Foreign and Commonwealth memorandum released by the Government yesterday showed that a Swiss negotiator at the end of the war inadvertently revealed that \$500m worth - \$6.5bn at todays' prices - was in Swiss banks when the Third Reich was defeated, although the Swiss were adamant it was not "tainted". The Nazis also hoarded huge



Nazis. He may soon have the help of the British government

sums in other neutral states including Portugal, Sweden and Spain, suggesting that overall the hidden treasure must have been much higher than the \$550m - \$7bn at today's prices estimated by the Allies.

Although the Foreign Office yesterday insisted all-this in-Nazi gold held in Swiss ac- archives since 1972, it was welcomed by Jewish groups who have been fighting for the release of papers which they hope will assist them in reclaiming

some of the stolen wealth. Greville Janner MP, vicepresident of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the Holocaust Educational Trust. said there were many outstanding questions. "But the trail is opening up. Rivers of gold flowed out of Nazi Germany. Its banks were in Switzer-

land. The economic climate has changed since 1947. Europe no longer needs to sacrifice moral choices to the urgent demands of economic reconstruction. Switzerland now has a moral obligation to think again about restoring gold reserves, now worth billions, to the

countries and to the victims of their families from which they He said they could not accept that the agreements signed at the end of the war should stand when they took no account of who the money being redistributed had been stolen from.

originally private Jewish wealth. Millions of pounds are still held in the Bank of England and the federal reserve in New York

in the name of the Tripartite

ing the dispute. Union officials said it could take up to 10 days

to clear the post backlog and

warned that the new disruption

was a "precursor to a further range of strike action" aimed at

bringing the conflict to a head. More than 5,000 Post Office en-

gineers may also be balloted on walkouts, the CWU warned.

ment ordered a three-month

suspension of the Royal Mail's

letters monopoly which could

severely undermine its business

. A one-month suspension end-ed last week after eight strikes.

Better news for the Labour leadership came when the

RMT transport union called off

day-long strikes at three of the

seven train operating companies scheduled for today. Guards and catering staff at Cross-Country Trains, North London

Railways and MerseyRail

Electrics will be working nor-

mally, while walkouts will still

take place at Regional Railways North East, North West Re-gional Railways, ScotRail and South Wales and West Railway.

In response to the postal workers' decision, the Govern-

Some of the German gold was

who died in the Holocaust. "If new elements come up, I think the flexibility is there to do something about it," he said.

All of which may be of some comfort to Mr Kornhauser who, with the help of his lawyer, Hans Marcus, is trying to trace a number of bank accounts in Switzerland where his grandfather deposited a significant portion for safe keeping before the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939.

"To the best of my knowledge this property is still in the Swiss bank accounts, because strangely my grandfather never recovered them," said Sebastian.

"And as far as the rest of his assets are concerned, I'm convinced the Germans transported them back to Germany to deposit them in a number of bank accounts in Berlin. This seems like the only logical conclusion. I realised that gathering all the information and documents which prove that this was my grandfather's property will be a lengthy procedure and may have to go to the courts, but it has to be done. I want returned what rightfully belongs to my family.

His case was significantly helped earlier this year when on the I June the Swiss Bankers' Association made it possible for victims of the Nazi regime to make formal inquiries into looted and stolen assets. If Sebastian can collate the relevant information he may one day be able to recover what went mussing from his grandfather's jew-

ellers shop. "Before it has always been difficult, because the Swiss have been reluctant to give out any information. But in the light of what has happened in England over the last few days I am very, very optimistic," he said.

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Security services accused of set-up

TIM MCGIRK and CHRIS BELLAMY

A British ex-military officer imprisoned in India has accused the Ministry of Defence of leaving him to face charges of arms smuggling when he was actually helping British and Indian intelligence.

In a case reminiscent of the

Matrix Churchill affair, Peter Bleach, a 44-year-old Yorkshireman, is to be tried for treason in Calcutta even though he played a key role in helping foil an arms delivery parachuted to Hindu extremists last year. "The entire operation should have been a perfect trap for the terrorists. Instead, everybody of any importance was allowed to escape," said Mr. Bleach. "I think that the police are setting me up to take the

consequences."

Mr Bleach was arrested along with a Latvian crew last December and accused of having air-dropped three crates of arms to be used in an insurrection in West Bengal state. But The Independent has learned that Mr Bleach had earlier tipped off the MoD about the plot. His trial is due to start in several weeks, and he could face

a death penalty in India if con-The case has clear echoes of the Matrix Churchill affair in which British businessmen were charged with supplying arms to Iraq, even though they had been helping British intelli-

The MoD last night referred all queries to the Foreign Office. which said it was treating Mr Bleach just like any other Briton imprisoned abroad.

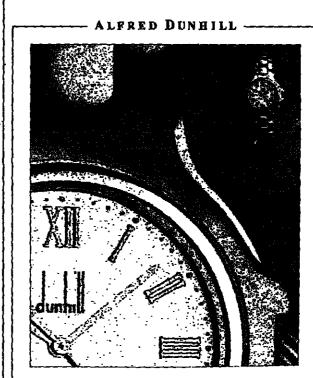
Blair faces **TUC** storm of protest

Blair, postal workers yesterday called fresh and more damaging strikes as the two wings of the Labour movement clashed over the party's plans to make industrial action more difficult. Mr Blair walked into a storm of criticism at the Trades Union

dustrial action. As Mr Blair dined with TUC leaders, David Blunkett, Labour's employment spokesman, also in Blackpool, set out the proposals which would put arbitration at centre stage of the strategy. These were denounced as "union-bashing".

EU jobs warning, page 2 QUICKLY **Hackney in disarray** The political "cess-pit" of Hackney blew open yesterday when 18 Labour councillors quit the controlling party group and left the council in disarray. Page 2

Graham gets Leeds George Graham, the former Arsenal manager, was yesterday named manager of Leeds Utd. TY & RADRO 31.92 the day after the sacking of THEATRE 10.12 Howard Wilkinson. Page 26



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She remembers Girl battered by killer aids police

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

A nine-year-old girl who was left for dead after a frenzied attack in which her mother and sister were murdered more than two months ago is helping the police hunting the killer.
Police had feared that

Josephine Russell would never be able to recall the events because of her severe head injuries but she has now begun to speak to them. Officers are using a special interview method to coax information from her.

Josephine, her mother Lin,

45, and sister Megan, six, were as she has remembered more set upon in a lane near Chil- and more her happiness has delenden, Kent. All three were battered by a weapon, thought to be a hammer. The family dog

Two police officers using a technique developed by speech therapists and child psychologists which involves short questions and sign language have been interviewing Josephine at her home since Sunday.

There were fears that brain damage would prevent her talk-ing again but she is gradually regaining her voice. She has given the police new leads.

Her father, Dr Shaun Russell, anxiety as her memories returned. "When she was in fiosconstantly happy," he said. "But idence could be crucial."

creased and periods of antiety have increased." However, she was eager to help the police, Dr Russell said.

Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens said: "We have devised a method of communicating with Josephine. Long sentences are not possible but over a period of weeks we have been going back over her life and personal details.

"li is obvious that Josephine has a clear memory about the attack and she has already provided us with information that backs up the description of a said she was beginning to show man seen near the murder scene and other details.

There is only one eye witpital and couldn't remember ness to these murders. anything she was more or less losephine's memories and ev-

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

In defiance of pleas from Tony Congress in Blackpool last night over his strategy for curbing in-

Overshadowing the Labour front bencher's visit to Blackpool, however, was the Communications Workers' Union's announcement of 24-hour walkouts from 7pm on Friday 20 September and from 10pm on Sunday 22 September.

The timing of the stoppages means that disruption will spread over four days, escalat-

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Labour rift over abuse 'cover-up' **ANTHONY BEVINS**

The political "cess-pit" of Hackney blew open yesterday when 18 Labour councillors quit the

controlling party group and left the council in disarray. The mass resignation, which wipes out the Labour majority in the east London borough for the first time in 25 years, was made in "protest over the continued cover-up of a child-

The dispute centres on the case of a former Hackney child-

care worker, Mark Trotter, who was on the point of being arrested on charges relating to paedophilia when he died of an Aids-related illness.

There were allegations that. because Mr Trotter was a local Labour activist, Hackney covered up the case rather than trace children who might have been abused.

Rebel Labour councillors called for an independent inquiry into the case and, though the local Labour leadership agreed to set up a properly con-stituted investigation, those

councillors allege they were threatened with "gagging" dis-ciplinary action for ignoring party procedures in cases of criminal allegations.

But with Conservative Party headquarters piling in to highlight acute embarrassment over the affair among the national Labour Part, Terry Ashion, neral secretary of the Greater London Labour Party, said: These councillors have failed

the people who elected them." He denied there had been any attempt to gag them, and added: "They are playing the worst sort of politics with the involved in the long-standing in-Mark Trotter affair." involved in the long-standing in-ternecine civil war being fought Mark Trotter affair."

It was agreed at a party group meeting on Monday night, attended by some of yesterday's resigning rebels, that a motion for an inquiry should be debated at a council meeting

The group also agreed that the motion's wording should first be checked by the office of Hackney's chief executive and the Government's social services inspectorate to ensure that it was "completely water-tight".

out within the Hackney council group - said last night: Hackney is a political cess-pit which cannot be saved until after the next local elections."

Meanwhile, however, the Conservatives will exploit the disarray as evidence that a Tony Blair government might be tarred with the Hackney brush. Eric Pickles, Tory party vice-chairman, said Labour's attitude

He pointed out that the

to the abuse claims was dis-

Labour rebels had been calling for an inquiry and added: "Incredibly, the Labour leadership's response was to threaten disciplinary action against the counciliors because of their demand for an inquiry.

It is time to discover why Hackney ignored several warnings over a period of 12 years, concerning the employment of this man.

"Attempting to muzzle their own councillors and to deny full scrutiny of the facts will only add to the public's legitimate

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Tringe loyalists are set to stay in the Ulster peace talks after yesterday appearing to have secured widespread support for their efforts to resist the Rev Ian Paisley's attempts to have them expelled. Both the Ulster Unionists and the nationalist SDLP signalled that they did not back Mr Paisley's plan to barthe Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster Democratic Party for failing to condemn the paramilitary death threat against the Portadown militant loyalist Billy Wright.

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While the British and Irish governments are to give their views today, a statement from the parties rejected the use of violence. They said that while they offered political advice to paramilitary groups and where possible exerted influence on them they had no authorize the paramilitary that had no authorize the paramilitary groups and where possible exerted influence on them they had no authorize the paramilitary groups are supported in the paramilitary groups and where possible exerted influence on them. them, they had no authority over paramilitary activities, concluding: "We resolutely oppose the use or threat of violence from whatever source," it said. David McKittrick

Britain unlawfully banned Spanish trawlers from quota-hopping, the European Court of Justice said yesterday. The decision, which infuriated UK fishermen, will now lead to a multi-million pound compensation claim for

loss of earnings by the fishermen.

The fisheries minister, Tony Baldry, promised to resist the claims and warned Britain would be seeking EU treaty changes to end quota-hopping, which enables foreign vessels to register in Britain and take part of the national quota catch: A High Court hearing has been set for next summer.

Ahospital has admitted "serious deficiencies" in its gynaecology department linked to the deaths of two women who underwent routine operations. A review was ordered at Grimsby Hospital following 13 complaints over 20 years against Michael Muldoon, a now-retired consultant gynaecologist and obstetrician.

The review, which yesterday made 51 recommendations for improving the department, said that the death of Kay Hallberg, 40, could have been avoided, and that in the case of another patient, Carol Richardson, 35, Mr Muldoon should have received further training in the surgical technique before undertaking it on his own." Liz Hant

Abusinessman who shot dead his wife had been legally allowed to keep an arsenal of weapons, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Despite suffering a mental breakdown, David Wells, 49, of Stamford Hill, north London, had

certificates for 18 guns, including shotguns and handguns.
Wells, who was jailed for five years for manslaughter,
twice attacked his wife Judith, 43, believing she was having an affair, in the months leading up to the killing last January. But the licensing authorities were never notified and no steps were taken to revoke the licences.

Great Ormond Street hospital is to be sued after a disix-year-old girl died as a result of medical intervention her parents had not given their consent to.

At St Pancras Coroners Court yesterday, a coroner recorded a verdict of death by misadventure on Deborah Jenkins who was born with a heart defect. She died when a balloon being used in a catheter burst during an exploratory operation, cutting off the blood supply to her brain.

Her father, Ross, of Sprowston, Norfolk, said: "I don't

care what it costs me. If I have to sell everything. They are not going to get away with [it]." Glenda Cooper

police are trying to re-unite a disabled man with his missing artificial leg after a milkman found the false limb on his rounds in Stamford, Lincolnshire. Police said a one-legged man had been seen in the area about 90 minutes earlier. 'A person who fits the description of the loser was seen at about 3.30, possibly confused, looking for the leg," said a spokesman. "He obviously has not found it and we have it at the police station in Stamford."

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Allies allowed Swiss to keep Nazi gold loot

It was Mr Hirs of the Swiss Na-tional Bank who gave the first hint of the Nazi-looted riches contained in the heavily guarded vaults of Switzerland. In negotiations at the end of the war, Mr Hirs and the Swiss delegation declared themselves innocent of having accepted any tainted gold. But when Mr Vaidie, the French delegate, produced documents showing how the German Reichsbank melted down Belgian gold, changed the numbers on the ingots and shipped most of it to Switzerland, Mr Hirs was rattled.

In his consternation that the Allies really might lay claim to all the wealth which had landed in his safe-keeping from Germany, he let slip just how much was at stake - \$500m, worth perhaps \$6.5bn (£4.3bn) at today's prices and twice the amount of gold reserves Germany might have owned legitimately. The US estimate of Nazi stocks at the time was approximately \$200m. Yet only \$60m (Sfr250m) was ever hand-

ed over by Switzerland. As revealed in the documents released by the Government yesterday, the US, Britain and France were forced to accept that they had "struck the best deal ssible ... and Sfr250m was a lot better than nothing".

As the Treasury made clear in response to complaints from Czechoslovakia that the Swiss rere let off lightly, "no arguments of Allied rights could move the unalterable attitude of the Swiss that there was no legal basis which they would admit as conveying an Allied right to German assets in Switzerland".

It was not a view shared since. There are many points of contention, not least that Britain was too concerned about its post-war trading position to pursue neutral countries properly (Portugal, Sweden and Spain all dealt with smaller Nazi hoards). The Americans wanted to threaten sanctions if the neutral countries would not co-operate.

Documents reveal British knew of German assets. writes Louise Jury

More seriously, Greville Jan-ner and his colleagues at the Holocaust Educational Trust and World Jewish Congress are angry that the Allies decided it would be impossible to trace what proportion of the gold processed through Switzerland

came from private individuals.
The Tripartite [Allies] Gold Commission, set up to regain the looted gold, dealt with national gold reserves not individual wealth. It aimed at excluding any private claims for restitution because the total number might have run into "many thousands".

Yet, Mr Janner believes, among the German ingots which found their way to Switzerland must have been those made from melted down jewellery belonging to Yews and the gold tooth fillings extracted from concentration camp inmates.

It was known that not all the German gold could be accounted for legitimately, Bank of England intelligence showed that by March 1943, Germany had already sold more gold than she had possessed in 1939. As the Foreign Office report highlighted yesterday: "Any further purchases must necessarily have

been made with looted gold." In producing its 23-page memorandum yesterday, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office stressed that all the information in it had been available in public archives since 1972. But only six weeks ago, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, made no mention of it when replying to earlier inquiries by Mr Janner.

Many questions remain unanswered - such as whether any of the gold and other valuables stolen from individuals ended up in the Tripartite Gold Commission funds.



Coming up trumps: A giant Labour Party card dominationg business at the TUC in Blackpool yesterday Photograph: PA

Unions see jobs threat in greater European union

Union leaders yesterday called for measures that would guarantee employment levels in the face of closer European union. In a marked departure from the unions' previously enthusiastically pro-European stance. John Edmonds the general sec-retary of the GMB, said existing convergence criteria set out in the Maastricht treaty could drive Europe backwards into recession and force unemploy-

ment levels upwards. The TUC's general secretary John Monks supported Mr Ed-monds. He told the second day of the TUC conference in TUC warns on the effects of moving to a single currency. Jojo Moyes reports

that they say so little about jobs. That is why we wholeheartedly support the Swedish proposal that an employment chapter be added to the treaties.

"We need to make it abondantly and transparently clear that Europe is also committed to full employment for all of its people," he said. Mr Monks criticised the Conservative government for agreeing timetable which promised to fully implement a single currency within six years without properly preparing the country. "In our opinion the British government should try very hard to slow down the single currency timetable."

If it went ahead the UK vould be "between a rock and a hard place". But he said that of all the choices available, including staying out or "shadowing the single currency, going in to monetary union resentful and without enthusiasm was the only realistic

Blackpool: "The great weakness of the European treaties is the pro-European position taken by unions since the late 1980s. Although traditionally much of the trade union move-

ment campaigned against

greater European union, its favourable employment policies had swung unions to a determinedly pro-European stance Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, called for a ref-

erendum as part of an "informed debate" on the subject of greater union. "All over Europe, the results of the convergence criteria for single currency are coming home to roost. In France, Germany, Italy, the results are the same. Cuts in public services. Cuts in social benefits. Cuts in jobs," Mr Morris said. Hand in hand with a debate, he said, must be "tangible evidence of job-creating

Clive Brooke, general secre-tary of the PTC, said the union had serious concern about the convergence criteria and called for a Common Jobs policy

backed up by job creation funds.

Ken Jackson, leader of the AEEU, warned the Government that it should either come to terms with Britain's membership of the EU, or leave. ■ The finance union BIFU yesterday announced the setting up of a European Works Council with Hongkong and Shanghai Bank - Britain's most profitable company, which in-cludes the Midland bank.

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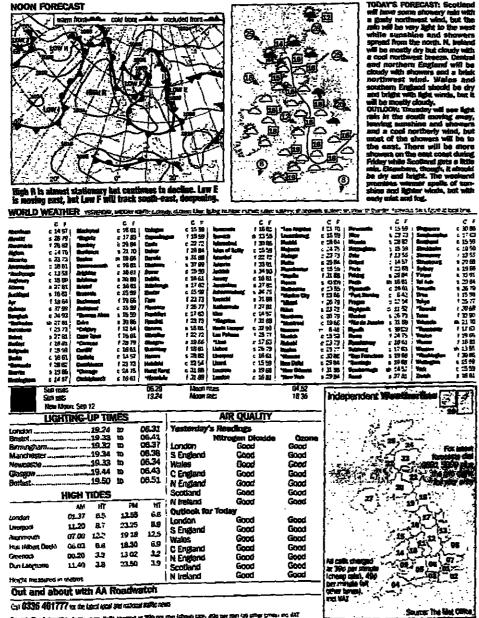
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Thatcher denies 'creepy' Blair jibe ANTHONY BEVINS Baroness Thatcher had been driven back into the arms of Tony Blair "creepy" was repu-As part of an increasing trend towards selective briefing of

A bizarre allegation that John Major because she found diated by sources close to the former Prime Minister last

Tory newspapers by Conservative spin-doctors, the Sun yesterday carried an "exclusive" report saying: "Lady Thatcher has vowed to end her private war with John Major - because she finds Tony Blair creepy."
It added: "The Iron Lady has

tion weapon by carrying out her own mini-tour of Britain. "Friends say she is deter-mined to keep Tony Blair out of Downing Street because she is repulsed at the way he has

agreed to become a secret elec-

praised her recently." But last night a source close to Mrs Thatcher volunteered an outright denial of the report. He said it was not her style to be abusive, she had not abused Mr Blair in such a way, and she regarded Mr Blair as someone with "many admirable quali-

The Sun also revealed that Lady Thatcher would endorse and support Mr Major's campaign for the re-election of a Conservative Government; a point echoed in a Daily Mail report yesterday.

That, as Lady Thatcher's friend told The Independent, was hardly surprising. But the revelation follows an equally bizarre report in The Guardian recently, suggesting that she was preparing to cut her ties with the Conservatives and support Sir James Goldsmith's

Referendum Party. Conservative Central Office has been working hard to ensure that Lady Thatcher, and other potential thorns like John Redwood, is brought back on side for an essential display of unity in the run-up to next year's election.

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BT starts new price war with £214m off call costs

But consumer groups say the reduction is not big enough, **Chris Godsmark** reports

A new phase in a telephone charges in line with a five-year price war began yesterday with the announcement by BT of cuts in national and interna-

tional call charges worth £214m. But the measures, which BT has to make to comply with price controls from the telephone watchdog, Oftel, were attacked by consumer groups as

From 8 October, BT will cut 20 per cent off the cost of weekday evening trunk calls (those over a distance of 35 miles or more) and 10 per cent off all daytime trunk calls. The cost of a typical five-minute offpeak trunk call will fall from

29.1p to 23.2p. There are also reductions in the cost of calls to some of the most popular international call destinations. A five-minute evening call to the USA or Canada drops from £1.90 to £1.41. The new cuts come on top of £35m-worth of reductions for international calls previously announced.

They mean the average quar-terly BT phone bill will fall from £66.54 to £64.46, a saving of just over 3 per cent. BT said a transatlantic call was now cheaper than ringing Penzance was at the time of privatisation

Last night a corresponding round of industry-wide price cuts was in prospect as some cable TV companies, which generally claim to offer substantial reductions over BT's call tic cables, which in theory can

price cap set by Oftel. The reductions must total £417m over the next 12 months. Yesterday's savings, which are on top of £70m of cuts already announced, mean a further £133m of price reductions are on the way, although BT declined to

say where they would come. However, there were no reductions in the price of local calls, which continue to cost 4p a minute during peak periods and 1p at weekends. Line-rental charges have been going up.
The main criticism of the cur-

rent price cap has been that BT, which decides where to make the cuts, has been targeting reductions on the customers who spend most. People who mainly make local calls have seen the least benefit. From next year Oftel will attempt to redress the balance with a tougher price cap, focused more directly on

lower-spending households.
The National Consumer
Council said BT had "singularly failed" to offer flexible payment packages and had failed to cut the cost of local calls, which were most important for the vast majority of customers.

Behind the current round of reductions lies increasingly cutthroat competition in international calls, driven by new technology. A bewildering array of rival companies aims to undercut BT in the congested transatlantic market. Fibre-op-

Record companies sound off as BBC pitches pop against 'Coronation Street'



Discord over TOTP's switch to Fridays

DAVID LISTER

Record companies have accused the BBC of damaging the music industry by moving Top of the Pops from Thursday to Friday and putting it in the same time slot as ITV's Coronation Street.

The chairmen of the biggest record labels have written to the BBC calling for the show to move back to the Thursday night slot it had occupied since 1965. The record companies fear that a reduced audience for Top of the Pops will damage record sales, and in the long term could cost the music industry millions.

Last Friday Coronation Street was

figures for Top of the Pops give it 5.5 the BBC and the record industry. of the Pops regularly won just under 7m

The BBC switched it to Fridays this summer because of the heavy sports schedule. But the decision to keep it there as an alternative to Coronation Street, albeit with a repeat of Top of the Pops going out on Saturday mornings,

has baffled the music industry.
In a thinly veiled threat to the BBC Paul Burger, chairman of Sony, whose artists includes Michael Jackson, Oasis and Bruce Springsteen, said: "I believe these are some of the most dramatic and detrimental changes in pour resources into the show, and that

half a million pounds supporting TOTP, half of which is in setting up satellites and overseas transmissions to tie in with the programme. I don't intend to continue that level of support.

"It is disconcerting that the national heritage secretary has asked how the Government can be supportive of the music industry, then something like this happens. Considering the BBC is a state broadcasting company, it might have consulted the music industry

The fact that the record companies

British Phonographic Industry, which represents the record companies. He said: "The record companies help this show considerably; they deliver the

artists, and it's fair to say they are be-coming very concerned." The dismay was echoed by other leading figures in the industry. Rob Dickins, chairman of Warner Music, said: "We have supported the show and it has grown up as an institution because of the fact that it has a fantastic time slot." Howard Berman. managing director of Mercury record

company, told the music industry's

watched by 14 million people. Initial the history of the relationship between this could yet prove a bargaining trade magazine, Music Week: "The counter, was emphasised yesterday by move defies logic. If you were an alien TV, you would have no idea of the importance of the UK music industry to

the country."

Sources within the BBC say that the corporation does not really believe that TOTP can mount a ratings challenge to Coronation Street; but it could pro-

vide "an alternative" for viewers. A BBC spokeswoman said: "The record companies are used to it being on a Thursday, but they should wait and see before condemning the move to Fridays. We know we can get 5.6m viewers, and we know that Top of the Pops has a very strong, loyal following."

Rivals have all kinds of deal

So many phone companies are now competing with BT that the biggest problem for those trying to compare prices is finding the time to gather all the information.

BT customers can join a number of discount schemes. Under the Friends and Family offer, promoted in television advertisements featuring Bob Hoskins, call charges to five nominated numbers are reduced by 10 per cent. ...

Another scheme, PremierLine, targeted at higher-spend-ing households, knocks 15 per cent off all calls for an annual charge of £24. Small business can also join a number of discount schemes. This year BT could spend as much as £180m on advertising to get its message across.

But cable operators still claim to be substantially cheap-

er than BT for those with average bills. Some offer free local calls if the number dialled is also with the cable company. The general rule is that the higher the cost of the call, the bigger the competition and the greater the choice for consumers.

In the international market Mercury claims it is still cheaper than BT, despite the latest price cuts. A five-minute weekend call to the US costs £1.02 on Mercury, against £1.31 for BT. Including all the possible discounts from both companies, Mercury comes out 1p cheaper

The biggest threat to established operators comes from smaller "resale" companies which buy line capacity whole-sale and sell it at a discount.

Swiftcall, based in Dublin, charges 10p a minute for offpeak calls to the US and 20p for peak-time calls, undercutting BT by around a half. Most wonyingly for BT, research suggests that resale companies such as Swiftcall can still make attractive profits.

charges, pledged to maintain their claimed price advantage. Nynex, one of the biggest cable companies, said it would continue to offer a service that was on average 25 per cent cheaper than BTs.

Telephones analysts said the price war would hurt the cable operators most. "It's obviously had news for cable companies hecause they're going to have to cut prices as well - they advertise on the basis that they're cheaper than BT," Jim McCafferty, from the stockbrokers Hoare Govett, said.

Despite a predictable fanfare from BT. Offel, the industry regulator, was unimpressed by the price cuts. "They're just complying with their price cap," a spokesman said. "They've got to spokesman said. "They ve got to do it. It's not out of the goodness of their own heart." BT bas to cut a basket of

carry an almost limitless number of calls, have reduced the cost massively over the past 10

BT, which is on course to make profits of more than £3bn this year, says that it still faces huge costs in the international phone business. A spokesman said a large proportion of the cost of an overseas call went to the foreign telephone company involved.

the recent price cuts, BT still stood to increase its profits. "The price paid by the con-sumer is still substantially high-er than the cost to the phone company of transmitting the call," Paul Lee, from the consultancy firm, Ovum, said, "The drop in international call charges is not keeping pace with the fall in this underlying cost."

Experts said that despite all

NICHOLAS SCHOON

It is 2020. You are driving on a motorway and you are no longer in control. Your speed is governed by an electronic "cruise-control" system which keeps you and your fellow drivers in convoy at the same speed Signals transmitted from cables in the road control your speed and steering, while onboard radar in your vehicle en-

sures you keep your distance.
This was part of the motoring future outlined by the chairman of Jaguar Cars, Nick Scheele, in a speech to the British Association yesterday. In 25 years' time, drivers would be unable even to start their cars if they have drunk any more than a small amount of alcohol, Mr Scheele said. A sensor would detect the raised ethanol level in the cabin air and immobilise the engine.

Mr Scheele forecast intervals of 100,000 miles between services, mobile telephones which ne fall in this underlying cost." would also serve as "portable travel assistants" and speech-

ver's favourite position. "It seems utopian but it isn't," he said. "We're just 24 years away from this becoming a reality." The portable travel assistant would act as a navigator, using global positioning satellites to show where the car was on a map screen on the dashboard. It could also obtain infor-

When the road takes

charge of the driver

mation about current and imminent congestion on potential routes and the best roads to take, give local weather forecasts and book parking spaces. Taking control away from individual drivers on motorways would reduce congestion and stop-start driving, while increasing their capacity. Mr Scheele forecast that almost all cars would have remote-control

lowed on main highways.

Mr Scheele, who has been with Jaguar's owners, Ford, for his entire career, also favoured charging drivers to

facilities by 2020, because those

which did not would not be al-

recognising computers to adjust use motorways but politicians the seat and mirrors to the dri- had "shied away" from this because of its unpopularity.

Pollution, noise and con-gestion could be dealt with by science and technology and "an abundance of political imagination and political wili". Calls from a small and vocal minority for Draconian curbs on drivers' freedom of movement should not be heeded, Mr

Scheele said. Some of his audience were sceptical. One questioner want-ed to know if the portable travel assistant might have the good sense to advise its owner to take the train from Birmingham to London rather than to drive. Mr Scheele answered that he often made the journey by train. "I'm in favour of investment in good public trans-port but we can't tell people to take it - it's their choice.

He said the kind of technology he was talking about would be available on massmarket cars by 2020. But, however Jaguars changed, they would always be expensive.

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Co-op Bank launches cheapest credit card

CLIFFORD GERMAN

The cost of consumer credit looks set to plunge after the Cooperative Bank yesterday launched Advantage Visa, the cheapest credit card yet avail-

It will also be cheaper than most other conventional ways of borrowing, including bank overdrafts, personal loans and hire day the card is used until the balpurchase, and its launch will in-

in consumer spending. The card is aimed specifically at millions of adults who regularly use their plastic as a source of credit as well as a convenient way of paying for goods and services.

tensify the growing price war be-tween credit card suppliers and could encourage a further surge vantage of up to 56 days' free credit available on traditional cards if the monthly accounts

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are paid in full and on time. But Advantage Visa cardholders will pay no annual fee. compared with £12 a year on a conventional Barclaycard, and

April. It will then rise to 10.9 per cent APR but it will still undercut the two existing no-fee no free-credit cards currently on the market. Save & Prosper charges 11.2 per cent and Roy-al Bank of Scotland 14.5 per cent

It is cheaper than the People's Bank of Connecticut which of-Interest is charged from the the interest rate charged will be fers free credit on prompt payday the card is used until the balance is paid. As such it is no use percentage rate) until next if credit balances are not paid

off in full each month. It is substantially cheaper than conventional cards like Barclaycard/Visa and Access/Mastercard, which charge 22.3 per cent on balances not paid off on the due date each month. Banks currently charge a minimum 10 per cent on agreed overdrafts and up to 30 per cent on accounts which go into the red without prior per-

British Association for the Advancement of Science: Gloomy view of the effect of national curriculum, and a reprimand for slouchers

Testing fails to improve 3Rs in primary schools

NICHOLAS SCHOON

Reading, writing and math-ematics have not improved and standards may actually have declined in primary school children in the seven years since the introduction of the national curriculum and testing, a professor maintained vesterday.

The gloomy view given at the British Association conference Campbell, director of education studies at Warwick University, was endorsed by Chris Woodhead, the Government's chief schools inspector. "I think that judgement is about right - we don't have any evidence of rising standards since 1988," Mr Woodhead told a session on primary education.

Professor Campbell said that the Government and society were unable to say, with any cer-tainty, what the trends were in the levels of attainment of younger pupils. He said the national testing results could not be compared from year to year. and earlier this year Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, had begun consulting on a further reform of the reading tests to make them more standardised and comparable.

The Government had made grave mistake in 1990 by shutting down the Assessment of Performance Unit, a civil ser-

ties to provide reliable facts and figures on how pupils were doing, the professor believed. School inspections provided information about the quality of teaching, but were much less use in measuring pupil's attain-

ment, let alone their progress.
Professor Campbell reviewed the evidence from several studies and concluded that the decline in mathematics attainment seen in the Eighties had probably continued into the Nineties. In reading, there was no justification for the view of a crisis in standards and teaching of it was



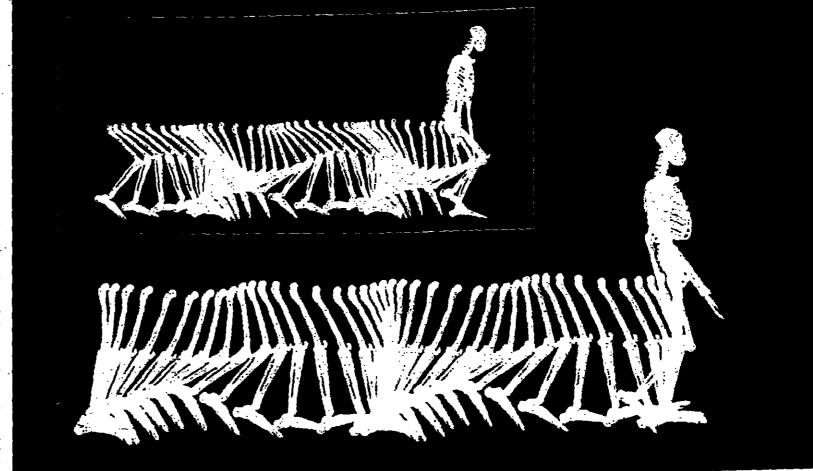
Woodhead: 'No evidence

"at least moderately effective in 80 per cent of schools", but there was no solid evidence of any improvement since the introduction

of the national curriculum. He called for the re-establishment of a national monitoring unit to conduct regular and objective surveys of primary school standards. "It could be done for a minute fraction of the £34m a year currently spent on

national testing," he said. Professor Campbell also advocated nationally developed textbooks approved by the na-tional curriculum agency. Now, schools choose entirely from what the free market offers. "There would be some ideological difficulties, especially in history, but a major advan-tage would be that everyone, teachers, pupils and most importantly parents, would known what was expected to be learnt and in what time scale," he said.

Mr Woodhead said the chief priority was to change the "ideological context" in which teachers thought. Their prime duty was to ensure that every child acquired a certain body of skills, knowledge and understanding which they were entitled to, rather than seeing themselves as facilitators who helped pupils learn what suited them - but too few of them saw things that way. He said he was engaged in "looking into the professional



Stepping out: Computer-generated images depict the slouching early human of popular imagination (top) and a more realistic stance (below)

Our ancestors were such an upright lot

CHARLES ARTHUR

Parents now have two more reasons for telling their children not to slouch when they walk: our ancestors never did and it uses twice as much energy as walk-

Early humans walked up-right as soon as they left the trees and never slouched or dragged their knuckles, as too much energy: You either artists often depict them. The walk erect, or you're extinct."

findings, announced yesterday. evolution. Our ancestors must have learnt to stand on two feet while still in the trees - "probably to gather fruit or for foraging," said Robin Crompton,

of the University of Liverpool. Homo sapiens could not have survived on the ground by slouching, because it would use

time when human ancestors a "very, very accurate" computer model which can also learnt to walk by "a couple of million years", to as much as six show the forces that muscles put million years ago.

the human body and program-ming it to "walk" on two legs. His team looked at forces exerted on the ground by the foot during walking and compared

His work also pushes back the real human in tests. This led to panzee, with a slouch, and then upright like a human.

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When we asked the model to walk like a chimpanzee, it fell over repeatedly, showing that Lucy's proportions are totally in-Dr Crompton built a three-dimensional computer model of tuted into the model the prochimpanzees walk," said Dr Crompton. "It is thus impossi-ble that Lucy could have walked like this." But when they told the was found in the Rift Valley, in Africa, in the 1980s. They then Lucy model to walk upright, it

Nasa's life on Mars claim dismissed as so much fool's gold garner publicity at a time when and the difference in sulphur

Science Editor

A row broke out yesterday among leading scientists in Britain and the United States after research claimed that a meteorite from Mars did not prove that there had been life on the planet.

prestigious journal concerning deep within ALH84001.

meteorites, examined the ratio of different isotopes of residues of iron sulphide, more commonly known as "fool's gold", in the meteorite ALH84001, which came from Mars about 4 billion years ago. Last month, NASA scientists announced that they believed they had The paper, published in a found signs of past life buried

scientists from the University of New Mexico said that the ratio of isotopes was too small to indicate biological activity. Different isotopes of the same chemical have fractionally different weights, and geological processes, such as fluids washing over a rock for a long period, filter them slowly. Normally, living organisms

- up to a factor of 80 - because they act as more efficient filters. The New Mexico team only found a ratio of three. But Monica Grady, an expert

in meteorites at the Natural History Museum, said the result does not invalidate the NASA work. "It could be caused by life on Mars which is not as we know it," she said.

ing, tells us about fluids that ulsed through this rock, but not a lot about life on Mars."

The paper was submitted to the journal, Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta, published in Oxford, in February which means that the New Mexico scientists were not aware of the their examination. The com-

ment on the apparent lack of bi-ological activity was added at a

very late stage. NASA's conclusion that life might have existed on Mars 4 billion years ago was based on residues of carbonates which were discovered deep inside the meteorite, which was found in Antarctica in 1984. The NASA NASA research when they did announcement was seen by

were being cut. But the NASA scientists called for an independent analysis of their work to see if others agreed with it. So far, there have been no

on the joints of the legs.

portions of "Lucy", the oldest

known human ancestor, whose

3.6-million-year-old skeleton

NASA announcement. Dr Grady said: "This filter-

publications based on exami-

budgets for space expeditions isotopes doesn't suggest it was caused by biological activity. But it might be biological - life on Mars doesn't have to be the same as iffe on Earth."

Definitive answers will be impossible to provide, she said, nation of ALH84001 since the until a space probe can visit the planet and bring back a sample. This will probably not be

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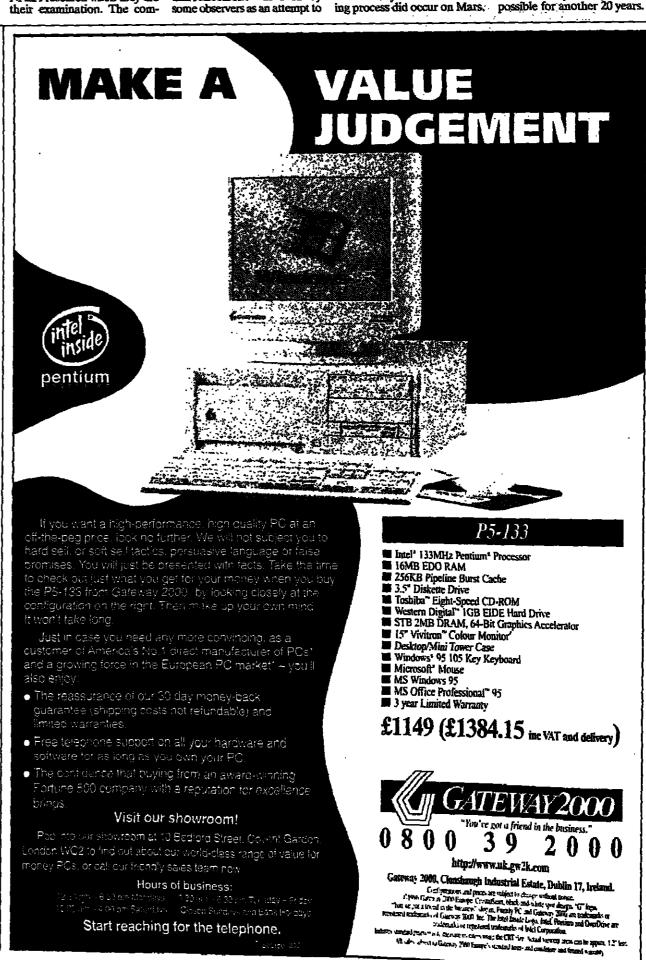
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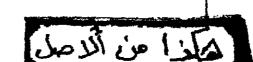
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A trillion dollars in dirty money keeps island tax havens afloat

CHRIS BLACKHURST and CLARE GARNER

They have palm-fringed beaches, tiny populations, parasols, pina coladas - and more than \$1 trillion in dirty money stashed away in their bank accounts every year. These are the offshore tax havens of the world, many of which come under

British sovereignty.

The staggering estimate of annual profits from organised crime came from MIS's former top law official, David Bickford. Earlier this week Mr Bickford told a corruption conference in Cambridge that more than \$1 trillion was "generated by organised crime and laundered through offshore centres using secrecy laws".

John Moscow, the New York attorney who played a leading role in bringing down BCCI, pointed out that with the exception of Licchtenstein and Switzerland, the other leading destinations for laundered cash were virtually all British run or

The main offshore centres for residents of the United Kingdom are Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, and Bermuda, Other tax Man, and Bermuda. Other tax However, not everyone havens include the Cayman Is- would welcome the abolition of

lands, Gibraltar and the British

Virgin Islands. Bill Tupman, director of Pol-icy Studies at Exeter University, told the conference yesterday that the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man were foremost among the offshore centres into which drug barons, financial fraudsters and racketcers poured their profits, confident that they could not be touched. Such facilities, he said, had "no place in the contemporary Western banking system".

To allow shady dealers to take advantage of what is es-sentially a medieval or colonial anomaly is either a demonstration of incompetence or shows a criminal disregard for what is really happening in the world," he said. Of course, not all use of tax

havens is linked to criminal activity. Although the cost of corporate tax avoidance in Britain is hard to pin down, it is widely accepted that tax planning costs the Treasury billions of pounds every year. Advice on tax is big business: it earned the top six accountancy firms alone fees in the region of £650m last year.



Rider, director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, fellow of Jesus College and organiser of the conference.

offshore banking. Dr Barry sounded a note of caution. "It the issue is whether we have the lem here. Can we really abolish Rider, director of the Institute might look hypocritical," he legal powers to do it". other countries? ... It's not that said, given the government's declared crackdown on the drugs trade and serious crime, "but agreed: "There is a slight prob-

legal powers to do it".

John Whiting, a senior tax
partner at Price Waterhouse,

other countries? ... It's not that easy. Can you really envisage a plane load of fiscal paratroopers - an excise hit squad - storro-

ing in and taking over whatevjor accounting firms who has worked in Jersey for the past 20

years described the island as "one of the upmarket or cer-tainly more reputable offshore centres". Even so, he added: We are constantly on the lookout." There was, he said, a pecking order for offshore centres to which Mr Bickford should have made reference. Compared with the Caribbean, for example, the Channel Islands have a "better level of litigation

and regulation", he insisted. Outlawing certain offshore centres would simply mean that the money would be taken elsewhere. "All our clients would merely go to the Caribbean or other places," he said. The population of tax-haven

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Jersey is a very exclusive one. The island has strict immigration controls and only a handful of applicants are granted permission to live there each year. That select band includes the pop star Gilbert O'Sullivan, the television interviewer Alan Whicker and Kevin Leech, founder of the drug company ML Laboratories. Three years ago leisure-barons David and Frederick Barclay bought the Channel island of Brechou for £2.3m and the golfer Ian Woosnam lives in a £1m mansion in Jersey.

No names pledge at child abuse inquiry

ROGER DOBSON

Victims of abuse at children's homes in North Wales, and their alleged abusers, may be given anonymity during the year long hearings of the judicial inquiry into the affair.

Witnesses have also been idence cannot be used against them in a criminal court.

At the opening meeting of the North Wales Child Abuse Tribunal yesterday, the chair-man, Sir Ronald Waterhouse, said that counselling services would be available for those who gave evidence.

The first meeting of the tribunal, which will begin taking evidence in January and which is expected to cost around £6m. was attended by more than 30 barristers, solicitors and legal staff, including Sir Louis Blom Cooper, QC, who will represent some of the abused, and Gerard Ellias, QC, a counsel for the tribunal.

The Welsh Office, North Wales Police, councils and their insurers, senior council staff, including at least one director. and workers at the homes are among those who will have legal representations during the hearings. Police officers who were subject to allegations and disciplinary investigations will, the tribunal was told, be rep-

resented separately. The tribunal was set up by the Secretary of State for Wales, William Hague, following allegations that several hundred young people had been abused. sexually or physically, at homes ceedings."

in North Wales over a 20 year period. Seven men have been jailed in recent years, and a report into the scale of the abuse has never been published.

At least 40 civil cases seeking compensation have been filed by alleged victims of abuse, and more are in the pipeline.

hearing at Ewloe, Clwyd, that the first duty of the tribunal was to assess the scale of the abuse. He said that several thousand social service files were having to be examined and that the police had taken statements from

2,600 people. He said: "I must stress that we shall not be conducting a series of criminal trials or prosecutions. We are not a jury. Our duty is to inquire and our pro-cedure will be essentially inquisitorial rather than adversarial."

He added: "Witnesses who complain of abuse may be granted anonymity if they wish to conceal their identity from the public at large. The tribunal will give similar protection, as far as it can, to persons against whom allegations or criticisms are made.

He said such witnesses may be referred to be a letter or

Sir Ronald said that the Attorney General had looked at the position of people giving evidence to the tribunal. "He has authorised me to say that anything which any witness says in evidence before the inquiry will not be used in evidence against him or her in any criminal pro-

Anguish of the young witnesses

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

Children going to court as victims or witnesses still face unnecessarily distressing ordeals, despite the introduction of improvements such as video links, the Victim Support charity said

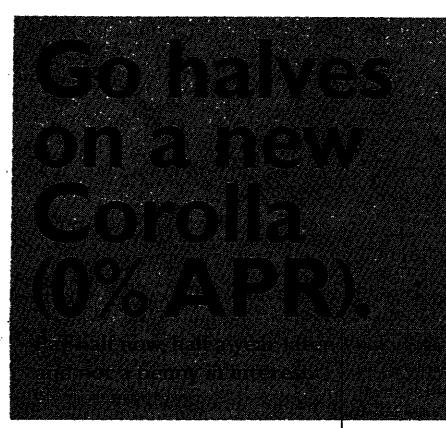
yesterday. Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, backed its call for national guidelines on the preparation of child witnesses in the light of research showing children were subjected to long waits to testify, inadequate support and inappropriate cross-examination.

An evaluation of the Witness Service support scheme shows many children are given no preparation before attending court. A quarter of children in sexual cases and 66 per cent in non-sexual cases did not receive a pre-trial visit to familiarise them with the court, while the Child Witness Pack, published by children's charities and endorsed by the Lord Chancellor's Department, was only used for 25 per cent of children. In one of the courts studied in detail, a judge had no knowledge of the pack and tried to stop its use.

At the launch of the study, Helen Reeves, the charity's director, said that offenders committing serious crimes against children were escaping conviction because of the failings in the system.

The research, which examined the experience of 1,000 children called as witnesses to 26 crown courts and spotlights a number of breaches of the Government's Victims Charter, found that one in three children had to wait more than four hours at court before being called to give evidence or be dismissed. One in five waited more than a day and 334 of the children in the study never gave evidence on the listed day, causing unnecessary trauma.

In 11 per cent of cases, applications for children to testity outside the courtroom by closed-circuit television link were refused; 80 per cent of children who did testify via the link were denied any support other than a court usher in the link room. Victim Support wants a "supporter" to sit with children in link rooms and says defence fears that child witnesses would be "coached" on their evidence have been overblown.



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Drawing an information curtain down the Irish Sea, files are now being marked, "UK Eyes B" or "UK Eyes A", which contains "information not to be released to any other country, and which, within the UK Government service, is confined to UK-based members of the UK Armed Forces, Home Civil Service (excluding Northern Ireland Civil Service), the

Diplomatic Service, the Police Forces (excluding the Royal Ulster Constabulary) ..."

Even within Northern Ireland, some files are being marked with a further block on disclosure; the "Perimeter" classification, under which some officials can be kept in the dark

about sensitive policy issues.

The guidelines, declassified and disclosed to Maurice Frankel, director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information, by the Ministry of Defence, also state that the

hall files relating to Northern Ireland from August 1969,

when the troops went in. While the general presumption of the Public Records Acts is that official files will be open to public inspection after 30 years, items of special sensitivity are regularly withheld for 40

years, or 75 years. Only in cases of the most acute sensitivity are files kept back for 100 years, as, for

Cabinet Office has slapped a 100-year closure on any White- Edward VIII, closed until 2037. The guidelines also spell out categories of "sensitivity" under which official files can be with-

held beyond the 30-year rule. They include files that reveal essible war crimes committed by British service personnel, and the identification of people who have acted as informers or collaborated with enemy

The guidelines say that file reviews need to watch out for: "Breaches of the 'laws of war',

eg. the provisions of the Geneva and Hague Conventions, in circumstances

British/Commonwealth or allied nationals might be considered to have been seriously at fault in such matters as ... the treatment of enemy wounded or prisoners of war; the status and integrity of the Red Cross (eg the misuse of hospital ships); the treatment of neutrals and of their property (eg the sinking of

neutral shipping)."
Sensitivity checks are also made on records showing any

a member of the Royal Family which might be considered unconstitutional, eg. expressions, or indications, of personal views which criticise, or conflict, with

Government policy". But the guidelines reveal that a relaxation took place in 1993 under which "records concerning financial arrangements and other personal matters affecting the British Royal Family are now subject to normal personal sensitivity rules". Previously all such royal

Ulster kept in dark by Whitehall secrecy files were closed for 100 years. The guidelines also relax curbs on files about Unidentified Flying Objects, saying: Hitherto it has been the policy not to release the internal dis-

tribution on UFO reports. "In the light of greater openness it has now been agreed that this information need no longer be considered defence security sensitive and may now

be released." UFO files will now be released for public inspection after 30 years.

rithholding disclosure even Sex-change chemicals found in sea

TEPHEN GOODWIN

ewage discharged into Scottish ivers and coastal waters conins chemicals at levels which 1ay be capable of causing hornone disrupting effects, inluding sex changes in fish, ccording to a government

gency study. Two of the discharge sites are ff popular bathing beaches in yrshire. But the Scottish Enironment Protection Agency, Sepa) which is conducting the search, said that the amount f dilution was "enormous" nd there was no risk to bathers.

The Sepa study is one strand 1 a vast amount of work worldride to determine the extent of ollution by hormone disruptng chemicals and its effect on reatures from microscopic habitants of the seabed to uman beings.

The discovery of "feminised" sh in the river Aire in Yorknire – female fish hormones ound in males - led to a request ist year by the Environment gency for the textile industry stop using the most suspect

Feminised fish were also rund in other English rivers ear sewage discharges, though link between the chemicals nd the sex change has not been

The Sepa study focused on vo classes of chemical comnunds ites (APÉs), used as etergents in a wide range of rocesses, including textiles nd carpet manufacture and inustrial cleaning, and phthaites, used as a softening agent producing plastics, paints and

During the summer, 84 sam-les were taken from sea outills and other discharge points round Scotland. Of these, 13 ere assessed by Sepa as posbly at times exceeding the vel at which the compounds one way forward, and that is research."

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may be capable of producing

hormone disrupting effects". The environmental pressure group Greenpeace yesterday called on the Government to advance its target of phasing out the use of APEs by 2000.

"The discharge of chemicals which can damage our hormones is unacceptable," said Peter Roache, a Greenpeace toxics campaigner.

Dr Gerry Best, head of chemistry for Sepa's west region, said the results had to be taken in context. "We have found no effects which can be attributed to hormone disrupting chemicals, nor are we aware of any feminised fish in

The next stage of Sepa's work will be to examine tiny shrimp-like creatures in the seabed sediment around the sewage discharge to see if there are any signs of the intersexuality reported in scientific

The agency is also working with industry and water authorities on safer alternatives and reducing discharges.

Laboratory tests at Brunel University in London showed that male fish exposed to sewage treatment effluents containing APEs and phthalates produced a protein called vitelogenin, which is present in female fish for producing eggs.

But John Sumpter, the professor of animal physiology who heads the work at Brunel, said yesterday that there was not enough information to judge the effect in the wild. There is genuine concern about these chemicals, including people who are concerned

or not," Professor Sumpter "As with BSE, there's only

about human exposure to them.

but there is not enough infor-

mation to know whether it's real

Climbers who plunge for freedom with finger-tip control example, those relating to the



Hanging around: Climbers on the Dorset coast at Portland Bill taking to the rocks in a sub-sport they call deep water soloing that gives the Photograph: Rob Stratton ropes while using the sea as a safety net. Longer falls can be 60ft with bruising and a cold bath the main risks

'slop out' again

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

"Slopping out" in jails - in which inmates use bucket toilets - could return if the number of offenders being locked up continues to rise, the head of the

Prison Service said yesterday. Richard Tilt, the director general, said that the number of inmates was increasing so rapidly that they could fill a new prison every three weeks. He told penal workers and cam-paigners at the Howard League's conference in Oxford that by last Friday the prison population in England and Wales stood at 56,150 - despite the exit of 541 prisoners in the

early release debacle - and was growing by 1,000 a month. He warned that he could not guarantee that the much hated process of "slopping out" would not return. The end of slopping out, achieved in April, was one of the key recommendations made by Lord Woolf in 1991 following the 1989

Strangeways prison riots. Mr Tilt said that with money for new buildings severely restricted, accommodating the massive influx meant "a serious risk" and by early next year the service would have to resort to holding them, at huge expense, in police cells. He said that a short-term projection drawn

up in May suggested that the population of the 136 prisons in igland and Wales would hit 60,000 within a year.

He told the conference that at the start of next year, when there is a traditional increase in the numbers of people being sentenced to custody following the courts' Christmas holidays, the service would be under a particular strain. "I don't how we will get through that period next year. There's a serious risk of having to resort to police cells - a huge setback.

The most recent projections do not take into account the impact of tough sentencing pro-posals to be included in a new crime Bill this autumn, which could add up to 15,000 to the

population total. Mr Tilt also suggested it would be "extraordinarily difficult" for the service to afford the security improvements recommended in last year's Learmont report into the Parkhurst prison break-out. He warned that the combination of the rising population and budget cuts would imperil rehabilitation

programmes in prisons. Frances Crook, director of the Howard League, blamed the rapid rise in prisoner numbers on politicians' hard-hitting law and order rhetoric, particularly that of the Home Secretary,

Crowded jails to More parents join protest over 'unruly' schoolboy said: "I am not taking him away from that school. I can't win no

Education Editor

More parents yesterday with-drew their children from a Nottinghamshire primary school in protest against the presence of an allegedly disruptive

10-year-old boy. By the end of the day, 46 children had been taken out of Manton junior school, near Worksop. On Monday 40 children were removed by parents angry about Matthew Wilson's

return to the school. Matthew is receiving one-toone tuition under a deal agreed by the local authority and teacher unions. Members of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT) claimed that he was a danger to teachers and other pupils and refused

to teach him. School governors have twice overruled a decision by Bill Skelly, the school's head, to have him expelled. More than 200 parents have signed a petition calling for Matthew to be expelled and for the governors to

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the NASUWT, has written to Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, asking her to intervene. So



wanted: schoolboy Matthew Wilson Photograph: Page One

far she has refused to do so. She education authority should have has the power to direct the authority or the governors if she considers they have acted

unreasonably. Mr de Gruchy's letter also raised the question of reports that governors have visited Matthew's home. He said it was "quite inappropriate" for the governors to have such a close

relationship with the family. Eileen Bennett, chair of the school's governors, said the

made public its support for their decision to keep the boy in school. The parents had not

been told the whole story. 'We have been stitched up. The local education authority keeps pushing us to the front to deal with it and we need them to come out and say where they stand," she said.

Matthew's mother, Pamela Cliffe, says he is not worse than many other children. She

to the one-to-one tuition to stop the strike. "He is not as bad as they are making out." The authority is paying about £14,000 a year for a supply

matter what I do. If I take him

to another school all the parents

at the other school will say

She said she had only agreed

they don't want him either.'

teacher to teach Matthew separately from other children. A parent, Frances Lawrence, said: "Why should our chil-

dren suffer for the sake of this "I am hoping that all parents will support us today in keeping their children away. Otherwise our children are going to

lose out in terms of books and trips. Why should he get preferential treatment when he is such a difficult child?" Parents met Mr Skelly on Monday evening. He promised to arrange further meetings

with the local authority. Another parent, Karen Bearham, who has an eightyear-old daughter at the school, said Matthew had a right to education in the same way as every other child. "He is a normal child. He may not be perfect. He is only a 10-year-old

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Radio 3 sounds modern note to end millennium

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Beckett's first radio play, All

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

Radio 3 will devote the last twoand-a-half years of this century to a major retrospective of 20th century music and culture, Nicholas Kenyon, its controller,

revealed yesterday.

Speaking at the launch of the network's 50th anniversary season, he said the retrospective would enable listeners to come to terms with "the best of 20th century culture" - which, musically at least, is notoriously among the most difficult.

Details are yet to be worked out but Mr Kenvon said the two-and-a-half year project which would take up a number of hours of the station's weekly output - would be "musicpased and involve a variety of different orchestras, not just the five funded by the BBC.

He revealed the initiative after launching Radio 3's plans to celebrate its 50th anniversary on 29 September with a series of and not the other way round. It's live broadcasts from BBC orchestras, a new production of Bernard Shaw's Man and Superman directed by Sir Peter Hall, and five new radio poems by leading poets.

The date will also be marked by a specially-commissioned

history of the network - which began life as The Third Pro-listeners. Even though it broadramme, broadcasting only in the evenings - by Humphrey Carpenter, Mr Carpenter has been in the limelight recently over his biography of Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr Kenyon made a joking reference to the fact that Lord Runcie, who has distanced himself from some of his com-ments in the book, expected the biography to be published after his death.

'Humphrey came in with the history of Radio 3 and put it on my desk for me to sign. I read what it said: 'I have done my best to die before this book is published.' I thought: "This is a bit steep, I wasn't born when The Third Programme was launched"," he said, to laughter.

"All of us only hold this remarkable enterprise in trust for the audience and the audience know jolly well they run us always been the case," he continued more solemnly.

"The Third Programme was one of the greatest and most enduring creations of the BBC in the post-war period. Its cultural programming had a permanent impact on our national life



Women's man: Davide Damiani rehearses a scene from a Welsh National Opera production of Don Giovanni which opens in Cardiff on Saturday and runs until 5 October before touring Britain until the end of November

SCREEN WATCH

Adisappointment for rubberneckers in Leicester Square tomorrow night. Gwyneth Paltrow has made her excuses and will not be attending the British premiere of Emma. But the evening will have at least two unexpected attractions for celebrity seekers. Imran Khan and his wife Jemima will be hosting the charity premiere, its reception and party afterwards with money from tickets going to Imran's hospital in Pakistan.



Jemima Khan: hosting party for 'Emma' premiere

Meanwhile, Emma's director Doug McGrath's diary published in Premiere magazine tells how he received a letter from his friend Woody Allen during the shooting of the movie, with advice that fell neatly into a style midway between Austen and Allen. It said: "Know that in the end, common sense will be your greatest guide. If you just trust your own judgement and taste, more often than not, things will turn out right. If not, you may want to meet with a career

counsellor as quickly as possible."

So where is the next Sowneth Pattrow, British producers are asking. Answer: Italy. Rivalling Miss Pattrow in coming from near nowhere to starring in a major movie at a tender age is the memorably named Asia Argento who comes to Britain next week when shooting starts on B. Monkey, the film based on the best selling novel by Andrew Davies. The story is of a London schoolgirl, but none of the

aspiring 1,000 actresses auditioned by Scala Productions, the British co-producers, matched up to the Italian starlet. Also starring Rupert Everett and Jared Harris, the film marks the return to Britain of director Michael Radford, who made the much acclaimed Il Postino, after several years of living in Los Angeles. Miss Argento, only 20, has already appeared in 18 films and has just been voted Italy's most popular and desirable actress. Not on the voting panel was the director of her biggest Italian box office hit - her father.

ere's film director logic at its most illogical. British producers and directors have been lobbying for ages to give foreign film makers tax breaks to encourage them to come to Britain to make movies. Now those same film directors, who want these hoards of film makers flying into London, have told Empire magazine that if a fifth terminal is built at Heathrow airport the additional aircraft noise might force them to stop making films in the capital altogether.

David Lister

DAILY POEM

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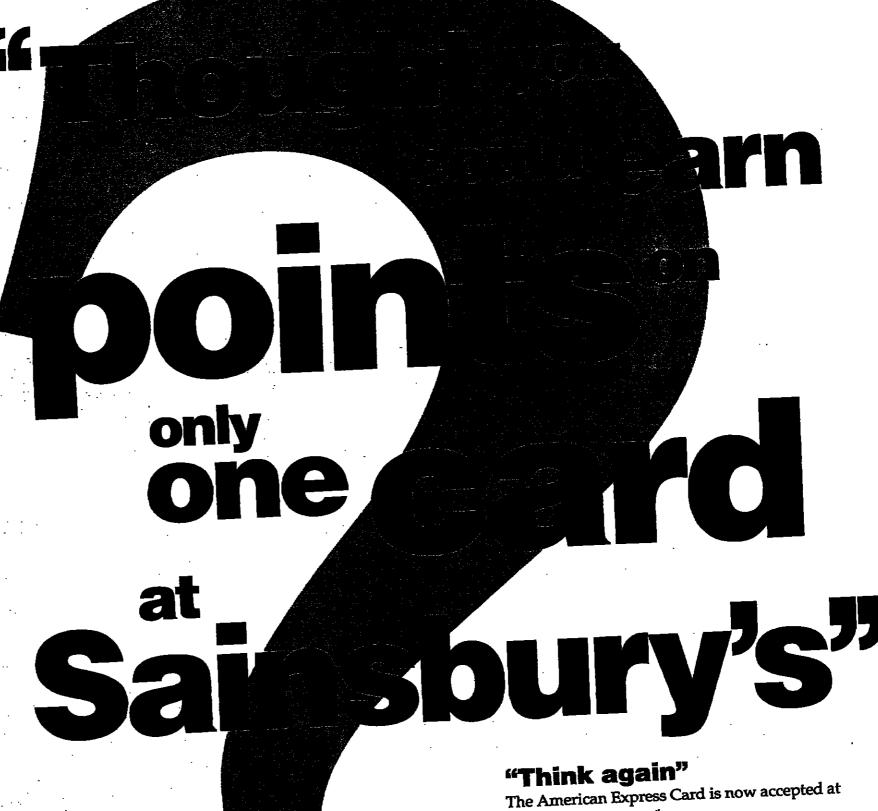
Part Sart at the contract of the By Jacqueline Brown

Have you ever watched a baby's eyes watching yours - the way you drown fathoms deep in each other's blue spaces till there's just the one last dive left to make before you disappear like air into invisibility and every part of you tingles with a sort of nervous ticking that's both excitement and fear and you wish there were something earthing and you wish there were something earthing you - a ladder rope, gantry, anything at all though you don't entirely want to be earthed

It's like transforming into your red cloth kite at the seaside that the east wind caught and plumped and tugged loose from the wooden crucific round which the string was figure-eighted and left round which the string was figure-eighted and left rour hand empty, then dwindled smaller and smaller to a tiny splat of red against the sky you had to squint to see. Yes, it's almost like that.

Nearth and tugged loose from the wooden crucifix

Jacqueline Brown's chronological journey from childhood through motherhood to middle age is published by Arc as In a Woman's Likeness and is a Poetry Book Society Recommendation. She won the Observer Arvon Competition in 1992 and has published two previous collections. She reads, with Maura Dooley, at the Voice Box on the South Bank on Wednesday 25 September, at 7.30pm.



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Would-be hero poisoned by his own sting

New Delhi — An ex-military in-telligence officer named Peter Bleach thought he was doing the British Government a good turn. He tipped off the Ministry of Defence that a cargo of arms was being parachuted down to terrorists in some remote hills of northern India last December, and he collaborated in a sting operation intend- carefully laid. ed to catch the terrorists. Now Bleach is in a Calcutta jail charged with treason.

Under Indian law, the 44year-old Yorkshireman faces a possible death penalty for "wag-

ing a war against India". Mr Bleach feels the Indians and British authorities should regard him as a hero. How he ended up in a Calcutta jail cell is a bizarre tale involving international arms dealers, blun-

Ex-soldier fears Indian treason charge is cover for official incompetence. Tim McGirk reports dances with human skulls. The the delivery of four and a half Independent has learnt that Mr Bleach is afraid the Indian au-

thorities may sacrifice him to cover up their slip-ups in letting the terrorist ringleaders evade the snare which Mr Bleach so "The entire operation should

have been a perfect trap. Instead, everybody of any importance was allowed to escape. The case has become highprofile, and the Indian authorities need a high-profile ac-cused," Mr Bleach told The

Mr Bleach opened a "defence supply service" after tours with ary intelligence in Belfast and Africa. He was contacted in July 1995 by a Danish firm asking him to supply a quote for

tonnes of AK-47 rifles, ammunition and rocket-propelled grenades to an unknown destination in South Asia. He flew to Copenhagen but soon realised that, in his words, "it was anything but a legitimate arms deal. It was clearly on behalf of

some terrorist group."

After returning to the UK, he immediately notified the MoD's Export Services Organisation of the terrorist plot and requested advice. In a taped recording of a telephone conversation in early August 1995, Mr Bleach "promised to carry on as normal, and to do nothing which

might alert the buyers Sources familiar with the case. claimed that the MoD officials tried to warn Mr Bleach against

going ahead. But the ex-military officer disputed this. "We had no direct knowledge of who the guns were intended for, and indeed the object of the entire exercise was to discover this information." Mr Bleach said.
Even if it is true that the MoD urged Mr Bleach not to get involved, British intelligence of

ficials were keen to monitor how the arms deal was unfolding. Three times his office was visited by defence ministry agents who collected copies of Mr Bleach's documents.

Once it became apparent that the destination for the arms cargo was India, authorities in New Delhi were alerted. By October, a month and a half before the drop, New Delhi had been informed through British

names of the people involved, the cargo, the type of aircraft used and its registration - even the aircraft's route and the approximate drop site near Purulia, in West Bengal state,

were passed on. Mr Bleach's contact was aman in his mid-thirties who called himself Kim Davy and whose New Zealand passport later proved to be a fake.

Indian police believe that Davy had arranged the arms pur-chase on behalf of an extremist Hindu sect, the Ananda Marg, whose belief in the eradication of world governments has led to their persecution by the com-munists who rule West Bengal state. On board the Antonov

channels of everything, ac-cording to Mr Bleach; the Latvians, Mr Bleach was expecting to be intercepted by jet fighters the second they crossed into Indian air space. It never happened.

After taking off from Karachi, the plane landed at Varanasi, took on fuel and then made a detour over Purulia on 17 December to drop the cargo near the headquarters of the Ananda Marg.

The empty cargo aircraft was eventually instructed to land at Bombay airport. Bleach expected the aircraft to be surrounded by armed police and troops. But instead the plane was ordered to park at a remote side of the airport and left for an hour before Indian officials turned up. The mysterious Kim

Davy walked out of the airport and has never been seen since. Mr Bleach and the Latvian crew were arrested, as were six leaders of the Ananda Marg. The top Ananda Mary monks, believed by police to have helped organise and fund the arms drop, also fled.

In the court hearing, due to start in several weeks, Mr Bleach has few chances of defending himself. The Indian police, Mr Bleach claims, have openly admitted, in front of British diplomats, that they will not tell the courts about my assistance [in exposing the arms drop], and that I must defend

myself as best as I can."

The Foreign Office said yesterday, "We are in regular touch with the Indian authoritement of the said touch with the Indian authoritement of the sa ties to ensure that if [Mr Bleach] comes to trial he receives a fair trial."



Under arrest: Now Bleach faces possible death

Bosnia taints hopes of new arrivals



geous view, the old minarets of Travnik below the majestic beights of Mount Vlasic, in central Bosnia, and imagines how it will look from the house that he and his business partner are building on a site overlooking the Lasva river. They bope eventually to add a motel and a car-wash, though both are dentists by profession.



The minarets and mountains of home: we just need time, and peace, said Amir Selmun, back with his family in Travnik about their voting intentions.
"It is very simple - if you

Emma Daly ends her series with the Selmun family's return to Travnik

"We need just time, you know, and peace," Amir says, three days after shrugging off the mantle of refugeedom in London and returning to Bosnia. His optimism marks him out as a recent arrival; and as one of the privileged classes. Their departure in 1992 from

Banja Luka, the largest Serbheld city in the country, was a typically Bosnian experience: they lost their house, their country house, their car and most of their possessions. But on their return, they face a softer landing than most. Amir and his wife Alma will

start working next week as dentists in the Travnik hospital, adding to their income with work at a private practice. They expect to move into a flat provided by the hospital soon.

Mirna, their 11-year-old daughter, started school yesterday and Damir, who is six,

will follow his sister today. Amir's parents, miserable in a foreign country, are delighted to

The family crossed into Bosnia with a coach-load of other returning refugees late on Friday night. "It was a very impressive picture, because we were so hap-De Was CIT tional - for the first time in four vears we were in our country, after the war," Amir says over a coffee at a restaurant in the old Muslim town of Travnik. "At the border I saw two of my friends from before the war, it was a wonderful situation."

His enthusiasm is touching, but not infectious enough to dis-pel the cynicism of Damir Sagolj, a Bosnian photographer here to take pictures of the family. He is convinced that Amir will slump into the apathetic despair prevalent among those who saw the war out in Bosnia. The country goes to the polls

know me, you know who I will vote for," says Amir, chuckling. I hazard a guess - the Muslim SDA, the rating party through-out the west this city, and when SDA saved this city, and when I see soldiers without legs, without arms, then I have to vote for them." But this answer is partly directed at his friend, who is ith us and who is a string with its and who is amost certainly a party member. "But," Amir adds obliquely,

"it's a very personal question. Maybe I will tell you that I will vote for the SDA but then, maybe I won't."

So far, the family's reception has been friendly - "People are lovely." Amir says - but the photographer, who lived here throughout the war, poses the questions many Bosnians would like to ask of returning refugees. "Did you ever think of coming back to join up and help your country? Does anyone

ever call you 'traitor'?" Amir is ancomfortable. "All

'Did you ever think of coming back to join us. Are you ever called traitor?'

this weekend to elect a threemember ethnic presidency, a national parliament and an assembly for one of the two "entities" (the Muslim-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serb statelet). But few Bosnians expect the voting to end the argument that started the war:

partition or union. The Selmuns are registered as absentee voters, which means that Amir and Alma will vote in Travnik – but for local government candidates in Bania Luka, civic centre of the Serb heartland. And, like all of their compatriots, they are products of Communist Yugoslavia, which means there is a slightly uncomfortable discussion

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day, every day I thought about coming back but the problem was in my head: my children, my children," he replies, adding defensively that his family has,

after all, lost everything. Already the political climate is working its way into Amir's bones; in London be was confident of returning one day to Ban-ja Luka, saying that the Serbs who changed from friends into enemies could change back. Alma still believes she will be able to visit her old town soon, but her husband has changed his mind. "I see no possibility of going back but anyway I don't want to - I bate too much these people from Banja Luka," Amir says firmly. Now he really is home.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Delgian police questioned 23 suspects in the Dutroux child sex and murder inquiry, including 11 policemen. More than three weeks after the discovery of the bodies of two eight-year-old girls, the first victims to be found, investigators broadened inquiries yesterday to examine widespread complicity within the Belgian police force. The offices of the judicial police in the southern town of Charleroi were searched. Among those held for questioning were eight members of the judicial police and three members of the gendarmerie.

The questioning of police officers will add to mounting suspicion that Mark Dutroux and his accomplices may have been aided and abetted by the authorities themselves. Sarah Helm — Brussels

Atreaty banning all nuclear weapons tests was due to go before the United Nations General Assembly yesterday or early today. However, it remains uncertain whether the treaty will come into effect, since India opposes it and Pakistan says it will not sign the accord unless New Delhi does so as well.

"Countries around us continue their weapons programmes either openly or in a clandestine manner," India's UN ambassador, Prakash Shah, told the assembly, referring to China and Pakistan. "In such an environment, we cannot permit our option to be constrained or eroded as long as nuclear weapons states remain unwilling to accept the obligation to eliminate their arsenals." Tony

Six of the men who gave orders to shoot East Germans fleeing across the Wall were handed stiff prison sentences. In a rare victory for West German justice, a court in Berlin sentenced the former head of the German Democratic Republic Border Guards, Klaus-Dieter Baumgarten, to six and a half years in prison for manslaughter. Another five generals received jail terms of between 39 and 42 months. None had disputed his role in the killings, but each maintained that they had acted within the law. Imre Karucs - Bonn

ed Tokvo of "serious dama relations if Japanese right-wingers again set foot on the disputed Diaoyu islands. It was also confirmed that a visit to Tokyo by a Chinese vice prime minister, Li Lanqing, had

been postponed from next month. The sovereignty row over the Diaoyu islands (or the Senkakus, as Tokyo would insist) has emerged as a rare point of agreement for mainland China, Taiwan, Macau. and democrats and pro-China camps in Hong Kong. The past few days have seen a wave of anti-Japanese public protests in the region. The uninhabited islands. in the East China Sea, are claimed by Peking, Tokyo and Taipei. Teresa

Relief workers in Liberia launched a food shuttle to several thousand starving civilians and pressed ahead with efforts to find other starving people cut off by faction rivalry and civil war. Tarek Elguindi, Liberia director of the UN World Food Programme, said eight trucks had left for the western jungle town of Tubmanburg, which until the weekend had been cut off since February.

Relief workers who visited the town on Monday spoke of "starving people everywhere", some dying before their eyes and children with swollen bellies, hands and feet. Monrovia – Reuter

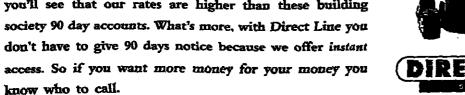
Six soldiers were in custody in Sierra Leone in connection with a plot to attack President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah's home and overthrow his government. Police indicated they expected to make more arrests. They refused to identify those arrested on Monday, saying they did not want to scare off others who might be connected to the plot. The government announced the coup plot on Monday. If successful, it would have been the third military coup in this West African country since 1992, and the second in the past eight months.

Mr Kabbah, who took office in March after elections to end army rule, said renegade soldiers planned to attack his residence at 5am Monday and ambush his motorcade as it travelled to State House. The Information Minister, George Banda Thomas, said two soldiers who were arrested were co-operating with the investigation. Freetown -AP

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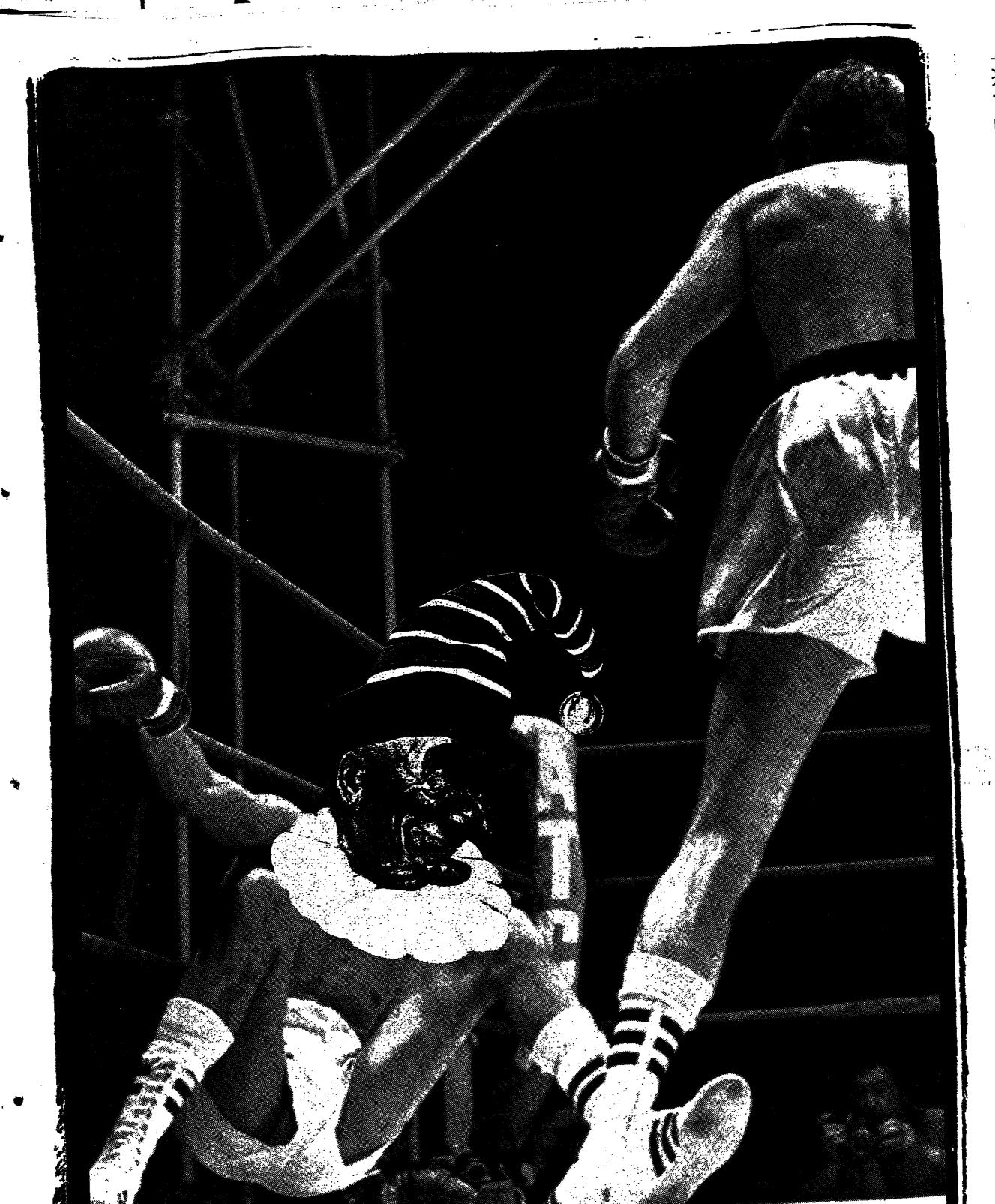
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In search of sovereignty: In Europe and the Pacific, old political systems will have to adapt to calls for greater autonomy

Hawaiians vote for greater independence when land was forcibly handed



whelmingly in favour of self-gov-ernment in a referendum held earlier this summer, organisers said, even though the formal release of the poll's results was delayed at the last moment.

About 80,000 Hawaiians of indigenous descent were asked whether they favoured electing delegates to a convention to consider self-government which could range from the creation of a nation within a nation within the United State's 50th state to the secession of Hawaii

Native Hawaiians voted over- of the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council said. He noted that the ballots had been colour-coded yellow for 'yes' and pink for 'no' and that the ballots cast had been over-

whelmingly yellow. Further progress was unex-pectedly halted, however, by a US district court in California. The stay will allow a further hearing into a lawsuit lodged by a non-native resident of Hawaii who claims the referendum discriminated against non-Hawaiians and was unconstitutional. Many native Hawaiians believe

land ever since the overthrow by US Marines of the Hawaiian monarchy in 1893. Hawaii remained a territory of the US un-

til it became a state in 1959. The stay, issued minutes before the formal results were to be released on Monday, infuriated election council officials. "We're very disappointed," said Jon Van Dyke, the lawyer for the council. But I'd be very surprised if the stay lasted very long." It was unclear when the hearing would take place.

lahala, the council chairman, declared: "We waited 100 years. What's another day or so? We're going to come through. We're going to be victorious."

Hawaii's tentative move towards greater autonomy is part of a wave of movements towards self-government amongst the world's indigenous peoples. But Aidan Rankin, of Survival International, said that in global terms their progress towards self-determination showed "a patchwork of losses and gains".

an tribes are already "sovereign" nations. In fact their position is complex. On reservations, Native American and not US law prevails in many areas - a situation upheld by a 1978 ruling of the US Supreme Court that federal courts had no jurisdiction to protect the civil rights of an Native American living on the reservation. But Native Americans hold federal citizenship and pay most federal taxes, while Congress has "plenary powers" over them, including the right to abolish entire tribes.

In Australia the Aborigines scored a significant victory in

of terra nullius, on which modem Australia was founded. This said the country was empty when Europeans arrived. The Mabo judgment sent shockwaves through the business, le-gal and political establishments, and the government moved quickly to enshrine the judgment's findings in legislation, though the battle for Aboriginal rights is far from over.

In New Zealand, a proposed law would return up to 10,500 acres of land - leased in perpetuity by New Zealanders of European descent - to the Maoris. Many leases date from Many indigenous Canadians

argue they have never ceded sovereignty to the colonists. The Canadian constitution protects aboriginal rights for hunting and trapping as well as the right to "self-determination". In 1999, the territory of Nunavut will be created in the Canadian Arctic where about 30,000 Inuit people will control 2.2 square kilometres, or one-fifth of the Canadian land mass.

Canada, Mr Rankin said, showed how the patchwork of progress and regression can co-exist in one country.

"It's very definitely a 'yes' they have been treated as sec-vote," Poka Laenui, a member ond class citizens in their own The future of Europe is in its regions. Soon the EU will be just a federation of them

When the Northern League announces the birth of Padania, a federation of northern Italian regions next Sunday, it will be the first, crucial step down the road to a new-look European Union, a top party official said

Not content with plans to hive off eight of Italy's most productive northern regions - or 10, if you harken to those more ambitious supporters of the League who hope to drag the central regions of Tuscarry and Umbria into the new state - the Northern League has set its sights on forging a federation of European regions. Roberto Maroni, chief of the Padania Liberation Community, said that was the only way of di-minishing the might of Germany Amid the hue and cry of its

independence stunt, which will include three days of festivities along the banks of the Po in the run-up to the declaration of independence in Venice on Sunday, the League - led by Umberto Bossi - is emerging as the most pro-European party in an overwhelmingly pro-European country. Like many independence-minded parties, including the Scottish Nation-

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al Party, the League sees its independence within the context of a broader Europe.

"Already we're talking about a common defence policy, and the common foreign policy. A single currency is going to be a



reality in a very few years time," said Mr Maroni. "All those things which signify the sovereignty of a nation state are being moved under the control of Brussels. The point will come when diplomacy within the European Union will be anachro-

nism: what's the point of an Italian ambassador in Paris when goods and people can move freely between Italy and France and enjoy the same rights and

privileges in each country?" Some minor adjustments would be needed to European legislation: "What kind of union is it if a crime committed in Ventimiglia [in north-west Italy] is treated differently from the same one committed just a few kilometres down the road in Menton [in the South of France]?" said Mr Maroni.

Then there are taxes, electrical plugs, third-country visa equirements, official statistics data-bank systems, and train fares. The list is endless. But the League is not giving up and Mr Maroni talked of a five-year transition period, during which even the "hopelessly undemocratic" EU institutions will be forced to see the folly of their

At this point, the League argument runs, nation states would lose their purpose. Mr Maroni said: "The centre has already lost touch with the edges.

When the centre has no real function because so much of its power has devolved to Brussels what use will government in

Rome or Paris or London be?" The future of Europe, the League says, lies in its regions: it will only be a question of years and the EU will be a federation of regions under the watchful

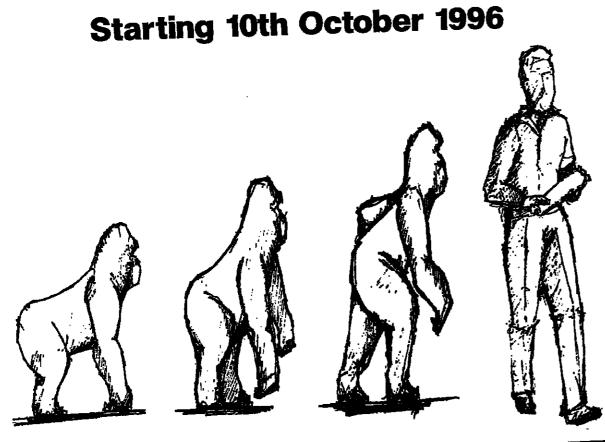
eye of Brussels. And in the vanguard of this change will be the Northern League, not forcing its ideas on the people, Mr Maroni stressed, but giving voice to the legitimate demands of the man in the street who until now has been unable to make himself heard.

A pity, then, that even with secession fever mounting in Padania, opinion polls in League strongholds do not show all that much support for the party's policies.

Two thousand people in five regions where the Northern League is the strongest single party made no secret of where they stood when questioned by the Famiglia Christiana weekly. Only 10.5 per cent favoured the League's separatist stance: not a huge amount of backing for a party which is out to change



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Yeltsin to hand reins of power to PM

While the president receives heart surgery, Russian ministers will report to Chemomyrdin. Phil Reeves reports

Moscow - Boris Yeltsin has ordered his most powerful ministers - including his defence, security and intelligence chiefs - to report to his prime minister. Viktor Chernomyrdin, while he remains out of sight, preparing for heart bypass

surgery.

The move represents a significant, if temporary, shift of power in Russia as the country's mightiest government institutions are now answerable to the prime minister, and are likely to remain so for some time.

The president's spokesman. Sergei Yastrzhembsky, said yesterday that the heads of the power ministries were under instructions to co-ordinate "all questions that require a decision by the head of state" with Mr Chernomyrdin, although Mr Yeltsin would be kept informed of developments.

The order covers the departments of defence, foreign affairs, security, government communications, and intelli-gence, which usually report directly to Mr Yeltsin and which are widely seen as the roots of power in Russia, after the presidency itself. The Kremlin said that Mr Chernomyrdin will also have the power to convene Russia's recently formed Defence Council if "urgent military issues" arise. However, Mr Yeltsin will remain in charge of the nuclear button.

Last night Mr Chernomyrdin was at pains to stress that Mr Yeltsin stays in charge, and sought to stifle any suggestion that he is intends to assume overall control: "Trust is a muoverall control: "Irust is a mu-tual thing which has two sides either by decree or verbally."

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ing the entire course of medical treatment."

But the president's decision to hand over partial control of some of the key institutions of state came as a surprise, not least because it was sooner than many expected. Only two days before, the president's chief-of-staff, Anatoly Chubais, said Mr Yeltsin would probably relinquish control only "for hours, a day, or two days" fol-lowing his operation, which is expected later this month.

The decision will be seen as a further vote of confidence by the president in Mr Chernomyrdin at the expense of Alexander Lebed, Russia's security chief and envoy to Chechnya. Although Mr Lebed has urged Mr Yeltsin to pass over the reins of office to Mr Chernomyrdin during his absence. the general also has ambitions to place the power ministries under the oversight of the Security Council, which he heads. He has also been vying with the prime minister for power in what is seen as an open battle over the succession.

Mr Yeltsin has been under pressure to hand over power since his sudden announcement last week that he will be having a heart operation. Under the constitution, executive power passes to the prime minister if the president is incapacitated. But there has been widespread speculation over how he would transfer his responsibilities, and considerable confusion over the laws for doing so. On Monday, the constitutional court ruled that he could make hand-over



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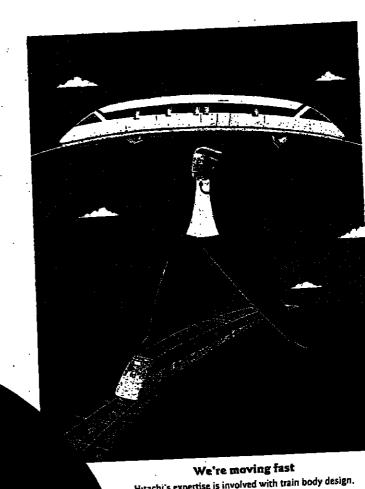
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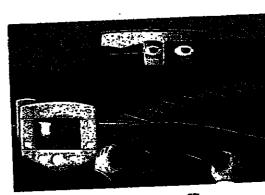
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peace implementation force. In an article in the Frankfuter Allgemeine Zeitung, Mr Ruhe suggested Germany should play an increased role in the successor force, which might have a German chief of staff. But Nato sources ruled out any suggestion that the force would have a German commander, which would be unacceptable to the US and the Serb population Nato member states are keeping quiet about the question of a successor force and the US has refused to comment until after the presidential elections on 5 November. However, the British Army is planning to keep a strong force Joachim Ruhuna, Archbishop of Gitega province in Burundi, seen here viewing victims of a massacre in July, is believed to have been killed after his car was ambushed by Hutu rebels yesterday Photograph: Corinne Dufka/Reuters WHERE



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Masoud Barzani savoured the fruits of victory yesterday as the single-handed capture of the city of Sulaymaniyah by his Kur-distan Democratic Party guerrillas showed that his strength was greater than mere reliance on the support President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.
The losers, Jalal Talabani's

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. fled to the Iranian border with thousands of civilians. Iran said 200,000 refugees were pressing to come in; independent reports gave figures of 2,000 to 10,000 camping in minefields without sanitation or proper food.

The PUK fighters were apparently victims of their own propaganda about the advance of overwhelming Iraqi army units, of whose presence there was no independent confirmation. Thousands of other civilians melted away to home villages in the countryside to wait for the situation in the city

of 750,000 people to stabilise. Having suddenly attacked the PUK during US- and British-Royal Institute of Internationmediated cease-fire negotia-. tions, Mr Barzani, surprised as as anyone else at the speed of his success, tried to appear magnanimous in victory by announcing an amnesty for all PUK members, including Mr

Talabani. KDP looting and burning was reportedly restricted to ri-vals' bases. Some Iraqi Kurds who had fled Sulaymaniyah were reported yesterday to have started to return. A few shops reopened and people swapped green PUK flags for the yellow of the victorious KDP.

Some analysts believe Mr Barzani, rather than President Saddam, has been the main winner in 10 days' fighting that have made him master of the 3.5 million Kurds in the three provinces of northern Iraq.
"In immediate terms the KDP is the winner. In the strategic picture Baghdad is coming out very nicely indeed," said Rose-

al Affairs in London. "The KDP could still get in trouble. But ... one shouldn't put too much stress on the Iraqi control

of the KDP. From their perspective, they could prove quite right to have bet on a new reationship with Baghdad." Even though the policy of a Western-protected "safe haven" has collapsed, the first benefit for ordinary Iraqi Kurds may be quick to come. President Sad-

internal embargo placed on Kurdish areas since 1991. The measure blocked normal supplies of everything, even schoolbooks, to the landlocked north. Kurds wishing to travel to government-held areas to visit relatives or buy essentials had to travel to the Iraqi army lines in batches of 60 at a time.

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But few Iraqi Kurds can forget it was a brief spurt of Iraqi artillery and armoured support that set the KDP off with the

capital of Arbil.

Baghdad was not slow to claim the victory as its own. The fall of Sulaymaniyah, Iraqi newspapers said, was a crushing defeat for the United States. The PUK also thought so, saying the KDP was a pawn of a regime that has killed 180,000 Iraqi Kurds, including 8,000 members of Mr Barzani's clan, and razing 4,000 Iraqi Kurdish villages. In aligning with Bagh-dad the KDP has mounted a tiger which will destroy us all,

a PUK statement said. "Once Saddam controls Kurdistan, he will no longer need his Kurdish ally and will consume the KDP and what remains of the Kurdish people." Analysts doubted, however. that President Saddam would

want to risk moving openly into the north. The KDP is clearly also betting on this, believing any such action would provoke more American retal-iation like last week's cruise-mis-



Patriot games: Children in Dukan greet KDP conquerors with yellow ribbons, the party colour

Cracks show in Clinton strategy

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

The capture by pro-Baghdad forces of the Kurdish city of Sulaymaniyah, following the ap-parent dismemberment of two dissident Iraqi groups backed by the CIA, have dealt heavy blows to the Clinton administration's strategy in Iraq and could turn its handling of Saddam Hussein into a significant issue in the

presidential campaign.
The Iraqi National Accord and the Iraqi National Congress have been largely broken up, the first when 100 INA activists opposed to President Saddam were executed earlier this year, the second with the seizure 10 days ago of Arbil, where the INC had been based. The Washington Post said-200 INC members had fled to the mountain town of Salahuddin, appealing to their erstwhile US protectors to rescue them from President

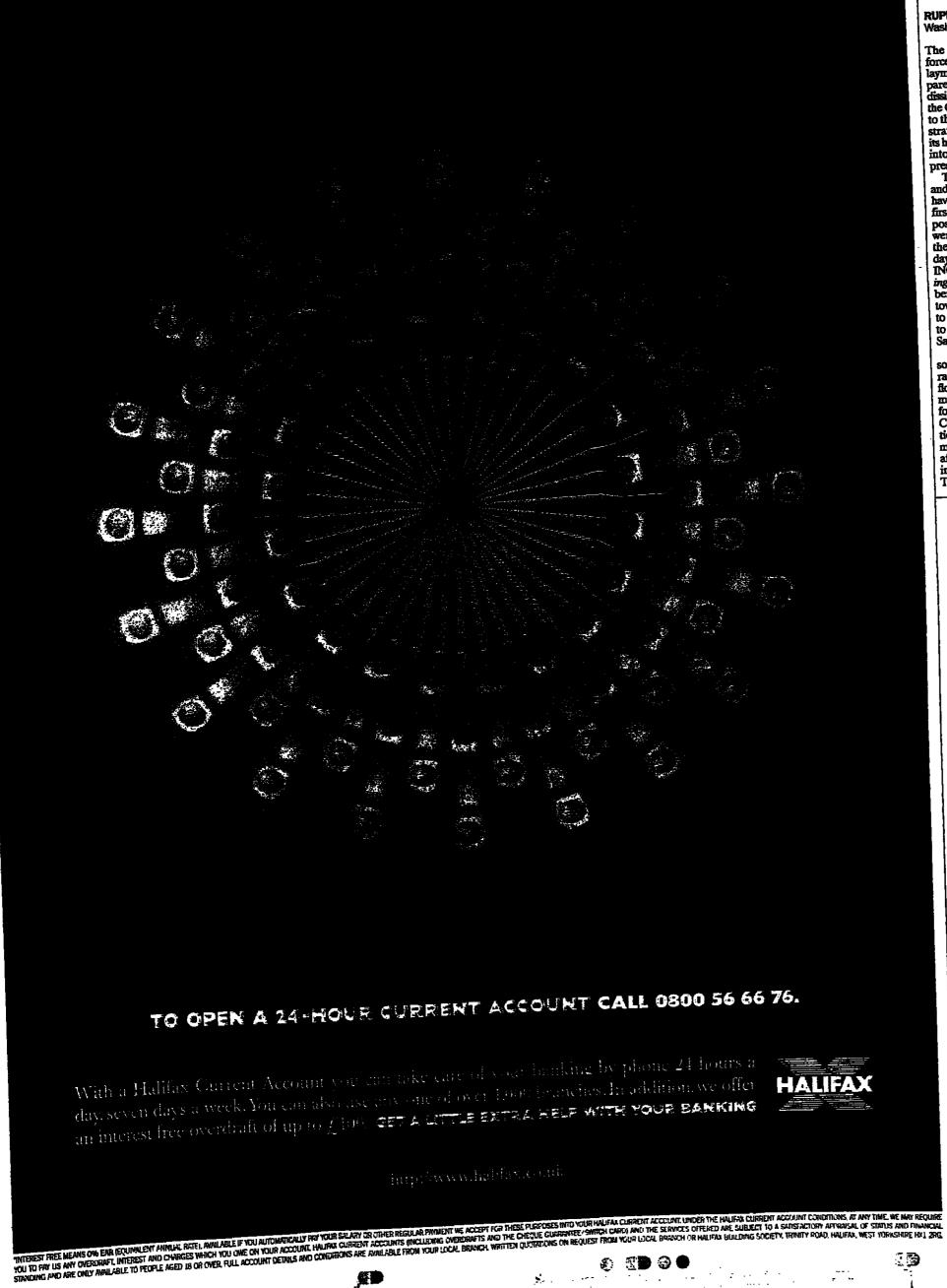
Saddam's revenge. Yesterday US officials said some Iraqis who had collaborated with the CIA had been flown out of the country. But the main focus is on Iraqis working for the UN's Operation Provide Comfort mission. Administration spokesmen do not rule out more reprisals against Baghdad. after the cruise-missile strikes in southern Iraq last week. That likelihood has grown fol-

lowing claims by the Pentagon that the Iraqis are rebuilding some air-defence installations destroyed in the attacks.

But the Kurds in the north are being left to their own devices, at least until they patch up their internal divisions. Failing such reconciliation, Mr Clinton made clear, the US will not involve itself directly there.

Mr Clinton's Republican challenger, Bob Dole, has shied away from frontal criticism of the President, even though he trails far behind Mr Clinton in the polls and foreign policy is one of Mr Dole's perceived strengths. But he is edging closer, with a statement suggesting US interests had suffered in the region, and warning his oppo-nent to "be careful" about claiming unwarranted victories and "giving assurances it is un-

able or unwilling to fulfil". The White House accused Mr Dole of playing politics with an international crisis. But that argument could lose force now Presiden firmer control of Kurdish Iraq than at any time since 1991. And public pressures for direct US intervention could grow if his victories produce a repeat of events of that year, when hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees fled in the wake of a failed uprising after the Gulf war - all live on US television.





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Antidisestablishmentarianism confounded

he Robert Runcie story is, at least in part, the story of what happened to Britain's post-war institutions. Here was a brave man who had a good war, who rose as a thoroughly dedicated and intellectual servant of the Church of England; who was affected by the cultural revolution of the Sixties; who spent his best years managing retreat on behalf a once-great institution riven by splits between modemisers and traditionalists, incurring the disdain of both sides; who was regarded with deep suspicion by Margaret Thatcher; and who has now been severely embarrassed by a biographer and a Murdoch newspaper. It is a tale of our times, with echoes throughout the Old Establishment, from the BBC to Parliament, from the City to the Palace.

Runcie's disappointment with the spiritually inclined Prince of Wales, who was in turn clearly disappointed with the archbishop, is recounted in salty language familiar from mainstream political memoirs and press interviews. His private paranoia about homosexuals, which coexisted with a public face suggesting relative tolerance, reflected a world in which the old norms of behaviour had broken down. The Church of England has always attracted some gay men, and others who were merely much impressed by lace and fine stitching; but it was only when homosexual: ity started to lose its public shame that the "gay threat" occurred to its leading

figures. In broadcasting and politics too, heterosexual men muttered worriedly about gay cliques. Runcie, like other public figures, assumed that his rather uncharitable and sometimes bitchy remarks would stay within a small circle of his peers - at least until his death. Runcie, like others, was undone by his urge to explain himself and the exigencies of journalism.

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The former Archbishop of Canterbury is not, therefore, to be excused from taking responsibility for his indiscretions. They were not a striking example of the Christian virtues of tolerance and love. And if he did not know that his biographer would trumpet the Runcie revelations from the highest hill, then he was being hopelessly naive. A holy fool? No, not quite that either: if he had deliberately sought to reenvenom some of the Church's bitterest disputes, he could hardly have succeeded better.

The fact that this has been achieved through that once-dusty branch of belle lettres, biography, is also a thoroughly modern thing. Biography has attained great cultural significance – it sometimes seems as if life-as-reported has started to substitute for life-as-lived. The great biographers rival and sometimes surpass the novelists, and certainly the poets, as high-earning publishing superheroes. No wonder, then, that yesterday's papers should have the biographer of the Prince of Wales



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engaging in vicarious defence of his subject against Runcie's Mr Carpenter as if biographers were all-purpose ventriloquists and their subjects were all-purpose dummies.

Should we even bother listening? Is it more than a passing episode in the national soap opera? The Church of England, after all, is attended by a tiny minority of regular worshippers, and has a minimal impact on the spiritual or moral life of the English. Yet we attend to its internal ructions for some plausible reasons. In a fragmenting age, in a fissiparous country, the Church's status as an Aunt Sally increases as its con-

gregations dwindle. We cling to institutions that seem still to embody the struggling, insecure nation and magnify their dissensions for what they may tell us about ourselves. The Church of England is there to lead. And yet apparently, it cannot lead: most people would not accept thunderous moral certainties from their bishops, yet simultaneously

giggle at their havering and indecision. So Lord Runcie's conduct poses questions that go much wider than one man's indiscretions and the hunger of the media for sensational tales of Charles and Di and the Anglican homintern. The most important of these questions

is constitutional. Other churches are voluntary organisations. If they conduct ves according to the laws of the land, balance their accounts and avoid the attentions of the Charity Commissioners, they deserve a degree of privacy. We might hope that, for example, leading members of the Methodist Church are good men and women, but what they do and think is largely a matter for their coreligionists. But the most trivial arm-chair remarks of Church of England chieftains pique our interest - because

it is the state church. Some say that the Church of England has already achieved de facto disestablishment. Certainly, the amount of political involvement in its appointments is minimal. Barring the interest of a few House of Commons mavericks, Parliament has largely given up any pretence at interest in church affairs. Yet the peculiar relationships between monarchy, state church and state persist. It still says on the coin Deo Gratias Regina Fidei Defensor. Were the Queen to perish tomorrow, Charles Rex would become head of that other divorced man's (Henry VIII's) church. Leaving the Church of England's historical and constitutional position to atrophy won't do. The formal and legal bonds remain.

The Runcie revelations only add to the case for breaking them, freeing both church and state from the weight of the centuries. That establishment has had its day. Disestablishment would not only

be a kind of constitutional purgative, removing one of the many shams which litter the forecourts of Westminster. It would be healthier for the Church as a spiritual formation: the ministry of its priests and curates does not need government, its bishops do not need their House of Lords seats. Where is the con-temporary John Wesley to see that the revival of the Church's spiritual mission requires its emancipation from the fetid and gossip-friendly connection with the state?

Early man stood the test of time

Rip out those pages from the school textbooks, we got it all wrong. That shuffling procession of ancient hominids, from the hairy, tree-bound ape to upright, cleanshaven man, is all nonsense. Had our ancestors slouched when they came down from the trees, they would never have survived: erectus, it transpires, is the only efficient way for Homo to be, because slouching takes up twice as much energy.

At least it gives teachers and par-ents a good line to try out on their sullen and idle youths: keep sloping about like that, and you're heading for extinction.

Life or death choices for the elderly

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Sir. Polly Toynbee ("The right to lead a living death", 9 September) portrays the situation of elderly nursing home residents in unnecessarily gloomy terms.

Depressive symptoms are common amongst elderly people in nursing homes, but a significant proportion suffer treatable clinical depression rather than

'understandable" sadness over their predicament. Those of us who work in old age psychiatry find that therapeutic nihilism is one of the main obstacles to the appropriate

elderly. The danger of euthanasia is that it gives society in general, and the caring professions in particular, the option of not trying to improve the lot of debilitated people. A line must be drawn between reasonable and unreasonable attempts to enhance quality of life, but the provision of simple psychological support combined with an antidepressant to a severely depressed nursing home resident must surely be classed in the former category. Dr SIMON THACKER City Hospital Nottingham

Sir: May I add my voice to the many others which I feel sure will be raised in support of Polly Toynbee's line of reasoning. I for one have experienced multiple cancers and now live in constant

I would count myself lucky to die of a sudden heart attack or in a suitably dramatic accident that didn't harm other people. But the probability is that I will have to endure years of increasing agony with no prospect of improvement.

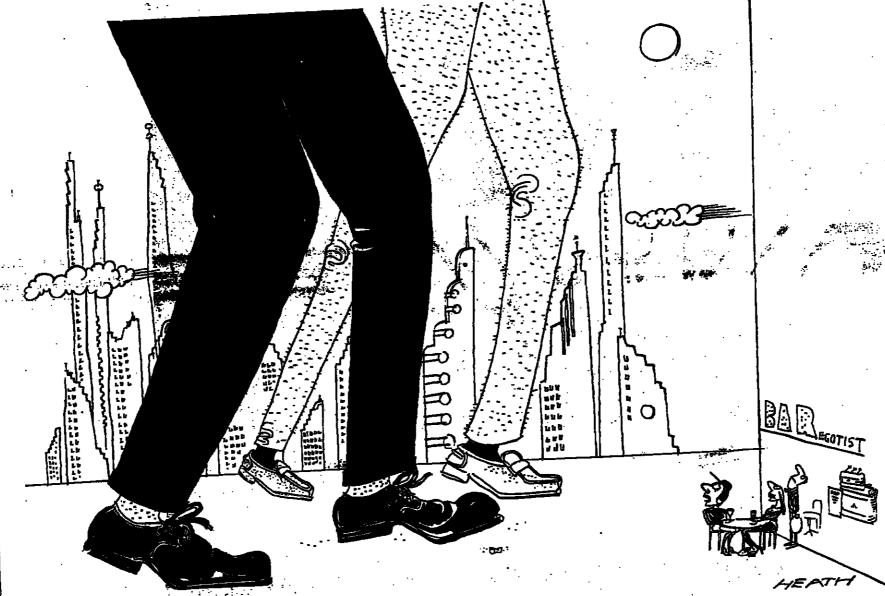
Life was thrust upon us all. We are not here by our own choosing. and very few would now argue that some divine force was responsible. Those of us who wish it should be afforded the right to determine the timing of our own departure from prolonged and pointless suffering DI EVA KASP Maidenhead, Berkshire

Sir: In the course of the Cutting Edge programme "The Home (Channel 4) viewers saw some of the residents of a residential home recalling happy memories, eating and drinking with relish, singing, taking pleasure in personal possessions, laughing, talking with each other, with relatives and with staff, going on outings, playing games, and being compassionately cared for.

We also saw some for whom their surroundings or the care they received were clearly not providing them with a satisfactory lifestyle, some who were having to cope with disability and pain, and one or two who confessed when questioned that they were looking forward to death. Polly Toynbee apparently saw only the horror of the life these people lead, doing nothing, going nowhere, alone,

At Counsel and Care we believe forgotten". that the quality of life of older people in homes could often be greatly improved by more professionally trained managers, better pay for care staff, more effectively adapted buildings, stronger links with the community outside, a better understanding of conditions such as dementia and depression by clergy and other visitors, and a much wider and more stimulating range of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



"It's Sir Norman Foster and Lord Rogers. But I can never tell which is which!"

activities. Polly Toynbee's only proposal is for readily available

euthanasia. Our solutions, it is true, would require extra resources. Polly
Toynbee's would be very cheap.
JEF SMITH Counsel and Care London NW10

Sir: Polly Toynbee is right to condemn the appalling practice of "warehousing" older people in case, homes until they die but she proposes the wrong solution: the answer is not euthanasia, but rather to extend community care and abolish or severely curtail the use

of care homes. Residential care has largely been, rejected as an appropriate model of care for other client groups – the mentally ill, those with learning disabilities, and children: we must now question why we still tolerate for older people, when we view with horror the idea of suffering

such a fate ourselves. We need stronger financial and structural incentives for local authorities to support older people at home, while health care needs should be recognised as such and be met by the health service. EILEEN NEILSON London NW3

Sir: S R Dowsett (Letters, 28 August) complained of the number: of patients lodged in our hospitals referred to as "bed blockers".

I spent 17 years of employment within the NHS and look back with wonder to the dedicated complete health care available to all in need, regardless of wealth or age. Then there were only patients - no talk of "bed blockers", age discrimination, cost efficiency.

We had then hospitals that never

turned away emergencies because of lack of beds or staff to cope. We also had available convalescent homes for recovery that included doctors and trained nurses.

All this was free of charge, as were dentistry and optical care, during a period of far greater financial restraint, including the often long-term care of the many victims of six years of warfare.

Last year was the 50th anniversary of the war's end. It was also the year in which 40,000 people had to sell their homes to pay for what they had surely earned and paid for in their younger years. Now they can be "bed blockers" in what was once "our" NHS. ARTHUR B WALKER Berkeley, Gloucestershire

How to fight the telephone robots

Sir: Surely I am not the only one exasperated by companies who subject callers to hours of robotic music and messages on hold? Some companies have kept me waiting for over an hour, regaling me with irritating sounds and supposedly soothing recorded comments, advising me that an operator will deal with my call shortly. Why do

we put up with it? This week I decided to give these companies a taste of their own medicine. I have set up a special telephone line with a spoof recorded message enough to drive people barmy. In future, organisations that subject me to Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

hours of recorded drivel will be requested to phone me back on my special line. It's time they knew what it was like. ION DANZIG Watford. Hertfordshire

Cash is the crux for us parents

Sir. The report about violent crime being linked to birth complications and maternal psychology ("Seeds of violence sown in the cradle", 3 September) was fascinating. Yet more fascinating was Professor Raine's desire to "take a sample group of poor mothers and give them a lot of antenatal care" for further research.

I am a "poor" mother - that is, my daughter and I exist on state benefits. Most of our neighbours are struggling too, and whilst many of us may not be better parents than those above the poverty line, we are as capable. The environment in which we livecramped housing, constant juggling to balance the books, inability to buy our children new clothes as often as we like - certainly creates tensions, but this has more to do with a lack of money than a genetic predisposition to be bad parents.

The tone of your article was simplistic, suggesting that "the poor" breed violent offspring. But I don't suppose that matters, since us poor folk can't read big newspapers.
CLARE PROUT London W10

(Fax 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Champion of pedestrians

Sir: C H Standfield (letter, 10 September) is a little behind the times. The Traffic Director for Loudon has been extending raised pedestrian surfaces across side roads on Red Routes for some time. Unlike the typical black road hump, these are designed with a relatively gentle profile. They thus cause no great inconvenience to cyclists or ambulances, but, being fistinctively coloured, send a clear signal to turning motorists.

The Traffic Director (a bogeyman for many environmentalists) recognises that the friedretical priority given to pedestrians by the Highway Code needs help to be effective. If he can make it work on Red Routes, borough engineers could do the same on almost all other roads. TONY ALDOUS

Transport Chair London Forum of Amenity Societies London SE13

Private school tables are fair

Sir: Unlike the letter from John Boater (6 September), there is nothing misleading about GCSE results published by the Independent Schools Information

Service.

Given the overall excellence of

independent results, it may be understandable that he can interpret them only by assuming

Sir: I'd like to see Arthur Speakman's evidence that the RAF bombed the Kurds in the 1920s because "the country was plagued by inter-tribal raiding which it was our duty to curb" (Letters, 10 September). The reality is more squalid.

Squalid oil grab behind bombing

Britain promised the French that they could have Kurdistan, and its oil wealth at Mosul, in the Sykes-Picot secret treaty of 1916. By the end of the war, however, London decided it needed the oil for itself. During the summer of 1919 British troops were struggling to put down a rising led by the Knrdish hero Sheikh Mahmud, Then in 1920 Kenial Ataturk threatened to seize the region for Turkey. To rally Kurdish opposition to this attempt, Britain promised to back an independent Kurdistan (Treaty of Sèvres, August 1920). The intention was to manipulate the Kurds by promising them freedom. As Colonel TE Lawrence (of Arabia) put it, "Some day ... we will be able to hold Kurdistan and bore there for oil" (Sunday Times, 30 May 1920). By the end of 1921 the

differences with Ataturk and with the Arabs in Baghdad had all been sorted. London tore up the Treaty of Sevres and proceeded to deploy RAF aircraft against the Kurds in their mountain strongholds. In the Treaty of Lausanne (July 1923), the region was parcelled out between Turkey, Iran and Iraq, with no mention of the Kurds. They had been written out of history in a style Stalin would later make famous.

The Kurdish oilfields were placed under Britain's Iraqi mandate and, on 15 October 1927, oil "in enormous quantity" was discovered at Baba Gurgur near AIDAN CAMPBELL

London N17 My computer got

that weaker pupils are not entered.

That is nonsense. He says the

pupils on roll in the previous

January. So is the Isis list. We

Department for Education and

Employment tables are based on

conduct our own annual census on

DFEE. He says state schools enter

pupils for GCSE "when they feel a grade can be obtained between A"

and G". So do independent schools.
We tell schools that the number

of candidates whose results are

counted must correspond with the

number of year-11 pupils declared

by the school in the census. We also

tell them to count all results for all

candidates whether entered by the

school or privately - so that schools

entering weaker pupils as private

Speak up, Norma

turns women into glove puppets", 3

Major's political views. Earlier this

Major's pontical views. Fartier this year the tabloid press went to great lengths to unearth evidence of Cherie Blair's political views of 16

years ago, when she briefly stood as a candidate.

the closet as a powerful campaigner and influence on her husband, surely

we should be told where she stands

on issues such as Europe. Or is it

only Labour wives from whom this

sort of detail is expected?

London SE23

ROSEMARY MAGRATH

Since Norma has now come out of

Sir. Andrew Mart ("Battle that

interesting question of Norma

September) is the only

commentator to raise the

cannot distort their results by

DAVID WOODHEAD

National Director, Isis

candidates.

London SW1

the same date in January as the

prime number Sir: Congratulations on giving front page prominence (5 September) to the new largest known prime number, "which has been proven prime by a computer at Cray

Research, Wisconsin".
William Hartston goes on to say (perhaps not entirely seriously) that "we had intended to print the new top prime in full, but - perhaps for reasons of security - the people at Cray have not divulged all its

One doesn't need a super Cray computer, costing millions of dollars, to calculate the digits of this new prime; all that one needs is a modest 486 and a modestly priced "computer algebra software" such as MAPLE (a remarkable development by the mathematics department of Waterloo University in Canada). I have just used my home PC and MAPLE V-Released to selected the properties. to calculate the new prime, and readers may be interested to know that its first and last ten digits are 4122457736 and 6089366527. Dr JOHN COSGRAVE, Mathematics Department, St. Patrick's College, Dramcondra, Dublin

Not really useful Sir. So Thomas the Tank Engine is to be floated ("Next stop London:
Thomas heads for the stock market", 9 September). Does this mean that we'll end up with a Fat

Cat Controller? HELEN HITCHCOCK Woodlands, Dorsel

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ICES AT ALL

Some say that schools are fomenting a 'no blame, no shame' culture; others say that on the contrary, they are helping to hold an increasingly immoral

society

together.

sifts the

evidence

Fran Abrams



St Trinian's: fact or fiction?

t 8.15 on a typical morning at Maimesoury Junior School in Bow, east London, the headteacher, Michael Russell. can be found in the playground, greeting the children and supervising their pre-school

games.

If things get a little rough he will remind his charges about the need for fair play. If one child is standing on the sidelines, the others will be encouraged, in the interests of kindness, to include him. There will be no moral lectures, but the need to know right from wrong will be gently emphasised when the opportunity arises.

Later in the day, Mr Russell might have to talk to a child who has been rude to a lunchtime supervisor, and to remind him of the need to be polite and respectful to members of staff. There will be an assembly, perhaps, on children's responsibility to keep the school rules and to consider

other people's needs. If it is a Friday, there might be an after-noon story. Perhaps it will be the tale of an arrogant professor who despises the humble boatman but who ends up drowning because of his lack of

sailing expertise.
"All the schools I know are heavily laden with values." Mr Russell says. "The notion that schools no longer value good behaviour, the work ethic, public spiritedness and civic responsibility is wrong." But the approach used by modern schools, of which Malmesbury is typical, is under attack.

Critics say they have adopted a relativist morality under which a drugs dealer might be regarded as no better or worse than a bishop. In her new book, All Must Have Prizes, Melanie Phillips describes Britain as "the no blame, no shame, no pain society", and argues that schools are at the centre of a decline in morality and authority. Teachers and parents are so worried about children's rights years. Under the 1993 Educa-

Others would go further.

Many on the far right still believe that the abolition of corporal punishment in 1987 and an accompanying relaxation of discipline have allowed stan-dards of behaviour in schools to spiral out of control. Children no longer have respect for their teachers, they say, and their parents are not helping. At home, they are allowed to watch violent videos and to stay up late, and little value is placed on education. More and more are starting school with had attitudes picked up at home, and are behaving aggressively and even violently towards staff at an early age,

critics say. In addition, assemblies, traditionally at the heart of schools' efforts to impose a moral code on children, have been the subject of a political struggle over the past three

that they are failing to tell them tion Act, there must be a daily and Assessment Authority, what is right and what is wrong, she says.

tion Act, there must be a daily and Assessment Authority, which has set up a forum on the or broadly of a Christian charspiritual and moral developacter" and which accords a spe-cial status to Jesus Christ. Schools inspectors have found that 72 per cent of secondary schools and 13 per cent of primary schools are failing to com-

which has set up a forum on the ment of young people. It agrees that schools do aim to promote values and to encourage responsible behaviour in young people, and that most include this in their prospectuses.

schools need guidance on how

to teach issues where there is

consensus: loyalty, honesty and

concern for others, for exam-

ple. New guidelines are were at least satisfactory in planned to assist them. almost all primary schools and "Schools are actually helping to most secondary schools. There hold society together in lots of was no sign that overall stanways, in terms of modelling a dards of behaviour in most moral and responsible community. If there is a fairly public statement about fundamental values, we hope that will

What really wore teachers down was the 'drip-drip effect' of small misdemeanours

ply with the law. Many headteachers argue that not only do they lack a room big enough. but to preach Christianity in this multicultural age would be

highly provocative. So, where is the evidence? Are schools caught up in a maelstrom of moral decline? Or are they the last bastions of civilisation in an increasingly fragmented society where family structures are being eroded

by soaring divorce rates?

It is, of course, difficult to quantify how moral schools are. Headteachers, to a man and woman, would agree with Michael Russell that it is impossible for them to operate with-out a clear moral structure. Children spend their whole time at school being taught how to behave in a socially acceptable manner, they say. They have some support from the School Curriculum

make their jobs easier," he But the authority's chief executive, Dr Nick Tate, does believe that society has become increasingly relativist, and that

If there is little evidence that moral values are declining in schools, the same applies to discipline. The schools' inspectorate, Ofsted, reported in 1993 that standards of behaviour

THE CHARGES AGAINST EDUCATION

 Teachers no longer teach children right from wrong. Instead, they have descended into the sort of moral relativism that extends the same level of sympathy to criminals as to their victims.

 Children, unsettled by the chaotic, ill-disciplined atmosphere in schools, are becoming increasingly badly behaved and often violent. As a result, the number of exclusions is rising rapidly.

• Schools frequently break the law on religious assemblies, which says they should hold a daily act of worship which is mainly Christian and which accords a special status to Jesus Christ.

schools were falling. concluded. Their findings were backed by a report from the Scottish Council for Research in Education, based on the views of more than 400 headteachers and 1,000 teachers. While only 2 per cent of teachers said they faced physical aggression as often as once a week, one in five complained of verbal abuse. Pamela Munn, one of the authors, said that what really wore teachers down was "the

drip-drip effect" of small mis-

demeanours.

Children no longer sit in rows, and much of their work involves collaborating with fellow pupils, so it is not surprising that there is a buzz of conversation in most modern classrooms. Most teachers, if pushed, would agree that this is a small price to pay for a school atmosphere that is indisputably more liberal and relaxed. Few would want to return to the Fifties, when discipline was tight, corporal punishment was common and the teacher's authority was unquestioned. Dr Tate recalls that when he started teaching in the Sixties, schools were not expected to be responsible for preventing bullying, for example - it was simply a fact of life. Now every school has an anti-

bullying policy.
So why is there such a common belief that violence is

increasing? There is, of course more than one culprit. First, a violent child always makes good newspaper copy and there have been a number of high-profile cases. Second, some teachers' unions have not been eager to correct the misconception. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers has been waging a campaign on the subject, and its members in several schools have threatened to strike rather than teach a disruptive pupil Third, the number of pupils excluded from school has risen

sharply, aiding the impression that discipline is getting worse.

This last phenomenon deserves examination. It suggests that if pupils are not getting more violent, then perhaps teachers are getting more hans teachers are getting more intolerant. If this is so, the truth about discipline and moral values in schools is at odds with the view that teachers are "killing with kindness". Since 1990, the number of permanent exclusions from schools each year has risen from less than 3,000 to more than 10,000. Ofsted believes that even schools that do not have discipline problems are finding it increasingly difficult to cope with children who do misbehave.

Recent changes in the law which restrict the length of temporary exclusions have certainly forced schools to permanently expel more children, but there is perhaps also a growing feeling among teachers that they are in school to teach. They are not there, they would say, to wipe noses, to administer medicines, to ensure the future of the Anglican religion through assemblies or to cope with the tantrums of children who have been failed by their parents and by society.

They might be right. Over the past decade, schools have taken on one new role after another. The national curriculum ensured that teachers taught everything from sex education to computing, while heads took on the roles of business managers, chief executives and maintenance supervisors. The new moral guidelines being planned by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority will simply add one more item to the plethora of matters to which teachers must attend.

Schools already spend a great deal of time on morals. and even more on imposing the discipline needed to maintain a calm, orderly atmosphere. But in all this, perhaps we have allowed ourselves to forget that there is nothing more important than basic skills such as literacy and numeracy. There is already evidence that these have been squeezed by innovations such as the introduction

of science in primary schools. Schools cannot operate in a moral vacuum, and would never try to do so. But if society in general and parents in particular took full responsibility for the morality and behaviour of their offspring. maybe teachers could spend more time doing the job they were trained to do.

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Kippers. Arbroath

oday, a complete Post-Modernist tale entitled: "Eggs Any

Miles Kington

When you have booked yourself in for a fortnight at a seaside hotel to get away from it all, the last thing you want is another set of problems. But, as the man found out, even at a seaside botel there are new problems. Such as what to

have for breakfast. The man studied the breakfast menn on the first day and hesitated. There were things on the menu that he had not eaten for months. Things that sounded

Eggsistential guide to eating your art out simultaneously tempting and threatening. Black pudding.

"May I take your order,

He looked up into the face of the waiter, a smooth expressionless face. He smiled at the waiter. The waiter did not smile back. Suddenly he felt animosity towards the waiter. He looked again at the menu. His eye fell on an item he had not noticed before. It said, "Eggs, any style".

"I'd like eggs, please," hc "How would you like them?"

"Art Deco." Excuse me, sir?" "It says, 'eggs any style'. My favourite style is Art Deco."

The waiter's face flickered ever so slightly. "I'll see what can be done,

He returned 10 minutes later with a boiled egg sitting at the top of a very thin, very tall, undeniably Art Deco egg cup. It had a very long, undeniably 1920s spoon with it. "Thank you," the man

The next morning at breakfast the man looked the waiter in the eye and asked for neo-classical eggs. "I'll see what can be done,

sir," said the waiter. He returned with a plate of scrambled eggs, arranged tastefully under a Palladian arch of toast.

"Thank you," said the man. "Not at all," said the

On the third day the man asked for Fauvist eggs. "I beg your pardon, sir?" said the waiter "Fauvist. Fauvism was a

short-lived painting movement which preceded Cubism, distinguished by its love of bright colours and bold shapes...'

"I am perfectly well aware of the nature of the Fauvist movement, sir," said the waiter. "I was just not sure whether you had actually said 'Fauvist'. It sounded a little also like Fascist and a little like Vorticist and a little like ..

"Fauvist," said the man, 'Very good, sir," said the

What he brought back was a plate of eggs loosely cooked and dyed with purple and red, smeared across the plate to look like an angry sunset. It was inedible. But it

was undeniably Fauvist. "Thank you," said the man, pushing the mixture to the side of the plate.
"Not at all, sir." said the

waiter, taking the plate away. On succeeding days the man asked for his eggs to be done in a dizzying variety of styles. Futurist, absurdist, Celtic revivalist, Early English, Jazz Age, even

melodramatic. The waiter, backed by an imaginative kitchen, was never once baffled.

The Celtic revivalist eggs had come coddled in a nest of seaweed. The Jazz Age eggs were done with girl For the eggs in the style of melodrama, the waiter had brought them simply boiled, then yelled out: "For God's sake, sir, before you eat those eggs, think of your daughter Nell who even now is being seduced by her cruel landlord for a matter of rent money so small that you could easily have paid it yourself for the

very price of these eggs

incidentally been poisoned not a moment ago in the kitchen by the very woman you wronged so many years ago in Calcutta!!!"

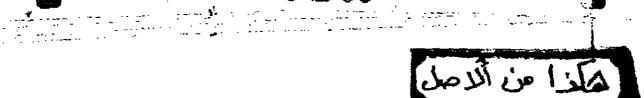
The rest of the diningroom had listened aghast. but the man had to agree that the waiter could not be faulted. On the last day, at breakfast, the man asked for his eggs to be done in a postmodernist style.

We at this hotel do not think that post-modernism is worthy to be called a style, sir," said the waiter coldly. "It is merely a ragbag of cultural mannerisms."

"So you will not bring me a post-modernist style egg?"

"No. sir." The two men stared at each other, eyes deadlocked. "In that case," said the man, "bring me Arbroath

smoldies." The waiter went away triumphant. He told the kitchen that they had outsmarted the egg-eater. In fact, the truth was quite different. After nearly two weeks of eggs, the man was desperately constipated and needed almost no excuse to choose something else.



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presumably attract the attention of employers, too – telling the canny ones in capital letters that they can afford to depress

Politics in action - the decline of democracy

ver recent weeks, and for that matter ears, the story of British politics has been essentially a simple one: there has been an unstoppable right-wing ratchet at

Thus, recently, John Major makes implausible sounding pledges about tax; Tony Blair caps them by offering lower taxes at basic rates and hinting that there will be no higher taxes for the rich. On the unions, each leader strug-gles to come up with tougher anti-strike ideas than the other. On law and

order, similarly, we hear the rasps and barks of a populist auction. Now, is this evidence of a great and genuine democracy in action, a historic change in the mood of the British political nation ... or does it show the opposite, a once-vibrant democracy turned doddery and drooling? For millions of abstentionist Britons ~ on past trends we can assume that around 10 million won't vote in the next election - this "Torier than thou" competition feels like the negation of democracy, even of politics. All sorts, radical rightists, younger voters, environmentalists, socialists, anti-Euro-peans, and some who are merely old and observant, are excluded from top-table politics.

The targeting of uncommitted swing voters in marginal constituencies has, election after election, slowly narrowed the agenda. An election is coming, so other kinds of choice, difficult policy choices, such as the limitations of tax cutting and public spending, are put into storage until the voters are well out of the way. The condition of European democracy; the future of

should be near the heart of political argument. But as the electoral choice approaches, they slink, coughing, into the shadows.

There is, however, another argument in favour of our politics. It goes like this. We have a system that is not designed to reflect every interest group in the nation - thank God - but s meant to fix the national tiller clearly for five years or so. If the competition between the parties sounds very conservative, that is because

i mood is conservative. Though this sounds robust, it is a mystical argument; it assumes that a "national sense of direction" can be accurately divined from Tory and Labour focus groups and the wavering opinions of a relatively small number of

people in certain constituencies. There are shards of common sense buried in this rubble of an argument. It is true that the big economic changes of the past quartercentury have limited the range of political options, thus driving the parties into a closer competition. But the logical problems are greater. First, is there any longer a "national" will at all? It certainly doesn't include Scotland or Wales or Northern Ireland. More concretely, there is the drawback that general elections don't produce governments which reflect the tion campaign conducted like this one.



AndrewMarr

As the main

parties lurch to

the right, voters

choices are

dwindling

mood of most people on polling day. The Thatcher revolution of the early Eighties had little to do with what people actually voted for in 1979; nor did Black Wednesday and its aftermath reflect John Major's 1992 programme. We voted first and got the direction later. Similarly, there are good reasons to suppose that Tony Blair in power would be a much more assertive and - whisper who dares - radical figare than Tony Blair on the campaign trail. It's a question of character. I think Mr B is unlikely to get into

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Downing Street and then spend the next five years discussing Roman Catholicism with Paul Johnson or practising headers with Kevin Keegan.

And there is a third obstacle to seeing the

current party-political competition as a rational or objective choice. Put simply: how do we know that this timid "me too"-ism is what the country wants? If the big parties, through their control of the money and the airtime, are able to control the agenda of British politics, how are we supposed to discover whether that agenda really reflects underlying beliefs or popular choices? No, the more you look at it, the more the argument that the British political sys-

tem provides, by historical alchemy, a sufficient national choice seems a comfortable, lazy excuse for democratic failure. We have had several

days now of, in effect, an election campaign. And what have we learnt? Absolutely nothing. The Conservatives were burned after 1992 by their lurid tax-based campaigning. It was clear that never again

democracy: the future of could they run the same welfare; radical agendas in education ... all kind of "Labour's tax bombshell" stuff and get away with it. Or was it? Now they are doing it again - different image, identical message.

It has been profoundly dispuriting Labour is, perhaps rather attractively, utterly hopeless at knee-in-the-groin politics of the Conservative variety. The difference between Labour machiavellis and Tory ones is that Labour sprites are very good at getting themselves written about,

and Tory sprites are good at getting re-elected. So what is new? Well, new Labour is new by blance to Neil Kinnock's modernised Labour Party. Blair is far tougher on tax than John Smith was, But he faces the same kind of attacks as Kinnock and is responding in the

same kind of way - closing down differences, niling ever closer to the enemy. It is what he believes he needs to do. But it is worth remembering that Blair's radical promise, from political reform to an economics at least aware of the condition of the poor, is increasingly what he doesn't talk about. So the ratchet clicks further to the right every day he campaigns. For Labour reformers, as for Liberal Democrats, the only escape is a different voting system. Blair remains unconvinced: but neither he nor his party can afford another elec-

A welfare state of hope, not despair

A vast experiment in making the benefits system chords that tell us what kind of society we are, because the way we treat the poor, the old, the sick and the workless defines us for posterity. Are we caring and kind? Or are we gulfible and easily defrauded by the feekless? Are we creating a dependency culture that saps the will to work?

In a few days the annual thick book of dry statistics will emerge from the Department of Social Security. After a quick gasp at the colossal sum we spend, it will probably attract little attention. But there will be one particular set of figures of special interest to the cognoscenti - a huge rise in one category of claimants that ought to have Peter Lil-

ley smiling, not scowling.
The number of people claiming family credit has doubled since 1990 and now stands at

Family credit is the only part of the whole panoply of benefits that represents hope, rather than despair - for it is the ladder out of social security and into work. It is the top-up paid to low-earning families with children to ensure that if they work even at a very low-paid job, they will (almost) always be better off than if they stay on income support. Nearly half of all claimants are single mothers going out to work for the first

But the benefit also causes anxiety. Does this huge growth in take-up of family credit mean the state is increasingly subsidising starvation wages? If employers know that the state will pick up the difference, doesn't it drive wages ever downwards?

The area with most family credit claimants is our new Tiger Bay economy in Cardiff, where even manufacturers from Seoul are moving factories in because the wages family credit end up subsidising a globalised market in low

No one knows what, if any, effect family credit has had on wages so far. One piece of recent research suggests that near-universal ignorance, howmost employers have absolutely no idea what family credit is or how it works - so they are not deliberately trying to employ family men and women who would qualify, biggest social security experi-This is hardly surprising since the arcane intricacies of the social security system are a some areas, family credit, cur-closed book to all but those rently only available to those are the right incentives to get now out of work will find it destroying jobs.

who either claim or process claims and the few academics and journalists who have an

efit policies. Very few politicians bother to get their minds round them - most simply pass on difficult social security questions from constituents with bored incomprehension. (This ever, does not stop people from having passionately held views on the subject.)

Later this month the Gov-emment is to embark on the ment ever.

For the next three years in

with children, will be offered to anyone between the ages of 16 and 64 to see if more people can be lifted off income support Eyes glaze over, pages turn and back into work with a simemployment top-up (ETU). offered. The pilot experiment in 12 key Places chosen include inner areas will cover 10 per cent of

the population. In four areas there will be a higher rate, in four a slightly lower rate and in four there will be no ETU at all, as a control. Some £3m is being spent on

a close study, led by Alan Marsh of the Policy Studies Institute. It will examine the effect on claimants and on the labour market. It will be an amazingly complex analysis

people back to work - without creating the wrong incentives for employers to drop wages. There will be a big advertising campaign in those areas where

cities, urban sprawls, rural areas and seaside towns, distinct travel-to-work zones, so that jobs and wages can be studied to see the effect of extending this low-pay subsidy to everyone. This is a sociologist's dream project are universally applied - a rarity indeed.



their wages.

This is the best argument yet for the need for a minimum wage. Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England, has himself said that if there is any evidence of employers making use of the earnings top-up to feather their own nests, then a minimum wage would be an essential back-stop.
This week in Blackpool the

TUC is thrashing out the minimum wage policy with Labour - the unions want it fixed at £4.26 an hour, Labour wants to start at £3.50. The lower sum would still anchor wages at a level that makes earnings top-up less liable to abuse. After all, three million people earn less than £3.50 an hour, most of them women - 72 per cent of waitresses, 36 per cent of textile workers.

the best hope we have of getting more of the unemployed back to work - in the hope that low-paid jobs will lead to better paid jobs later. But the taxpayer needs the guarantee that employers must pay a basic minimum.

This pilot scheme is likely to prove that point. For the first and it is the way policies time we shall have hard evi-should be tested before they dence to prove that a minimum wage is part of the armoury of putting people What would a good result back to work, not, as the right that should tell us how to cre- be? First, that a lot of people claims, a mechanism for

Why we should all pay to keep Radio 3 élite

of this month Radio 3 will mark its 50th anniversary: half a century of playing the best - and often most difficult - works of our classical music

This event will be celebrated with live broadcasts from the five BBC orchestras, invitation concerts devised by previous controllers, archive features and a specially commissioned history of the station, launched in 1946 as the Third Programme.

In parallel, however, there will also be a more difficult anniversary that Radio 3 will ponder in private: the 50year debate over whether it should exist at all. For just as it has been lauded for half a century for its highquality classical music, so it has been as constantly vilified for its élitism. unpopularity, self-indulgence and given that its £56m bill is paid by the ficence-payer - appalling expense.

These questions, which have swirled around the network since its launch, are more relevant today than they ever were. The Third Programme began transmitting into a classical broadcasting void (or near void), but since then broadcasting has been utterly transformed. Television gives substantial space to arts and music; commercial radio has expanded exponen-

I'm happy to fund your social benefits if you'll fork out for

my classical music, says Marianne Macdonald tially; and Classic FM has famously ber Gascoigne, the presenter) as a contemporary music and drama by won five million listeners since it Gerald Ratner of the airwaves. The commissioning new works and has

launched in July 1992.

claim a little under 2.3 million listeners, down 100,000 since spring, and down 200,000 since Nicholas Kenyon, its controller, took the helm in early 1992. Unlike Classic FM, it generates no advertising income - devotees can only pray that this state of affairs contimes - and has apparently existed in

an idealistic time warp.

Mr Kenyon's attempts to rectify the situation have only intensified the debate. Changes he has introduced include hiring Paul Gambaccini, a former Radio 1 DJ, to present the morning show, encouraging presenters to talk more, and moving Composer of the Week to noon. Even more controversially, the network ran an advertising campaign showing tattooed lorry

drivers conducting imaginary orchestras over the slogan "Ludwig Van".

Mr Kenyon, for his pains, has earned the unkind nickname of "the Axeman" and a reputation in some circles (Gerald Kanfman, the MP; Bam-

reality is different, however. While Mr Radio 3, on the other hand, can Kenyon appreciates the need to sim a little under 2.3 million listen-warm up Radio 3 and ease new listeners in, he believes that Radio 3 should stay in the top slot, intellectu-

ally and musically.

And so it should. Far from running screaming at the "threat" of Classic FM, it should stick to its guns. Let Classic FM play the pretty pieces that are so assiduously plundered for adverts. Let it play only the accessible parts of a symphony or offer classics by numbers. Radio 3 should remember what it is so stubbornly loved for: spare, high-quality presentation, live concert broadcasts, attention to contemporary composers, new drama, jazz, playing whole symphonies, and brushing the dust off neglected works.

This is what the licence fee helps pay for, and a lot more. Radio 3 helps to support three of the BBC orchestras (the Scottish Symphony, BBC Philharmonic and BBC Symphony) so indirectly providing cheaper ticket

prices for their concerts. It encourages

commissioning new works and has introduced classical music to literally millions, via the Proms.

Detractors argue that that is all very laudable, but not at their expense, and they are right, if they do not want to be supported by the state when they lose their job, or get sick, or cannot afford to fight a court case. For whether you are talking about tax or a television licence fee, it is exactly the same principle. That kind of quid pro quo - where we all contribute to the cost of services that we don't necessarily all use - is exactly what civilised society is about. For if Radio 3 stops serving the most informed and "able"

classical music listeners, who will? The reality is that the fundamental question to be addressed today is not whether Radio 3 should exist, or be given so much money to do so, but how to ensure that it continues to broadcast the same way for another 50 years. This is no imaginary danger. There can be no doubt that, just as it has occurred to the Government that Radio 1 would make a lot of money if

privatised, it has cast avaricious eyes over Radio 3. Who knows whether the highest echelons of the BBC would - privately of course - accept such a loss if they won the continuation of the licence fee in return (another quid pro quo, although a considerably less palatable one). Such a scenario would, after all, explain its apparently irrational decision in Radio 1's case to drive its listenership down in terms of age, alien-

ating millions of listeners. It would be so easy to hive off the former Third Programme, invite the advertisers to flood in, and watch the pound signs spin. Then, as in the newspaper market, the slide would be down to the middle. Radio 3 would be forced to adopt Classic FM tactics in earnest and the likes of Paul Gambaccini, instead of being booed off-

stage, would be here to stay.
Gerald Kaufman complained volubly
when Mr Kenyon set about making
Radio 3 more accessible that he was going to eat it for breakfast rather than listen to it. But there are millions who would still like to tune in to it in the mornings. Mr Kaufman, and influential critics like him, should be directing their energies at making sure that Radio 3 does not end up as shreddies in this

Government's mania for dismantling.

advantage. Four years ago, she beat Barbara Bush with 55.2 per

cent of the vote. What happened next? Hillary became Billary

and started to run the country

(at least, that's what every

American seems to believe):

Barbara became known as the

First Lady who wrote that classic, Millie's Story, in which the



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Hillary vs Liddy: a cookie war on the campaign trail when she defended her legal career values high ground to me.

Ann Treneman on how recipes can win votes

he Great American Election Battle has begun: official. How do I know? Not by watching the conventions - both are about as interesting as your neighbour's holiday video, and Americans (except the press) treat them accordingly. The way you know that the campaign is serious is

the kitchen.
This week is crunch time for

Hillary Rodham Clinton (Yale Law School) and Elizabeth "Liddy" Dole (Harvard Law School) in the battle of the biscuits. Postal votes in the Second National Bipartisan Cookie Cook-Off are overdue, with Family Circle magazine promising results in October. Meanwhile, America can only sit and chew over the merits of Hillary's recipe for chocolate chips and Liddy's for pecan roll cookies.

"Put your partisan prefer-

when the women are back in ences aside - whip up a batch of each and tell us which cookie brings more to the party," says Family Circle.

This should be ridiculous: Hillary is a legal barracuda - barracudas are not required to make tasty biscuits too. Liddy has had a tiny career herself. Secretary of Transportation under a-half dozen - 90 of the things Ronald Reagan, Secretary of Labour under George Bush. expecting company or commu-She is now on leave as president of the American Red Cross, overseeing a \$1.8bn annual bud-Hillary was just a beginner ioned rolled oats", which

by saying: "I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cookies..." The remark caused a media feeding frenzy. Since then she has rarely been seen in public without oven gloves.

Hillary has picked a smart cookie - it is hard to go wrong with chocolate chips. But the recipe does have its quirky moments. It makes seven-and-- which means she is either nitarianism. Each cookie is worth 65 calories and has 3.65g of fat. Ingredients include something called "old-fash-

Baking time: 8 to 10 minutes. Elizabeth's recipe has a normai name, Dole's Pecan Roll

Cookies, but nothing else about it is even remotely ordinary. It is so strange and so sweetly Southern that it must be her own, "It's a cookie that a debutante would serve at a tea. It's a very Liddy Dole cookie," said nily Circle spokeswoman. The damn things take 45 min-utes to bake (Fumily Circle has had lots of readers ring up to see if this is right), and each has 91 calories and an amazing

Management of the second secon

world is seen through the eyes of the White House dog. Even Norma does not deserve such a fate. So far, the Thries have denied claims that she is to be their secret weapon, labelled Worcester Woman by the spin doctors. But wait, did I hear someone mention some-7.68g of fat. Sin without scandal! thing that sounds like sauce?

Hillary has the incumbent's Can a recipe be far away?

obituaries/gazette

Harald Penrose

British aviation industry's most respected test pilots.

His appointment in 1931 as ator Alan Cobham was giving chief test pilot at Westland Aircraft began a 22-year labour of Reading. love: he made the initial test flights on all the subsequent Westland types, notably the extraordinary pterodactyl series of tail-less monoplanes designed by Captain Geoffrey Hill, the Houston-Westland PV3 which flew over Everest in April 1933 and the Lysander army cooperation aircraft. A disastrous in-flight structural failure of the P7 monoplane allowed Penrose the dubious privilege of becoming the first pilot to bale out of an enclosed-cockpit aeroplane, though he was forced to make his exit via a side window when suction forces jammed the

sliding roof. Born in Hereford in 1904, when man was making his first faltering essays into the skies, Penrose became enamoured with flight at the age of five, after his father showed him a picture of the monoplane in which Blériot had just flown the Channel. Two years later, the infant was lifted aloft - albeit only a thorised to fly a number of the few feet - beneath a Cody-type kite in his local park.

Several encounters with flying machines in the pre-war years fired a youthful ambition to become a pilot, but not until the end of the First World



Harald Penrose was one of the War did Penrose enjoy his first flight, in a war-surplus Avro 504K in which the pioneer avi-

> Following a four-year aeronautical course at the Northampton Engineering College of London University, Penrose ioined Westland Aircraft at Yeovil, Somerset, in September 1926. By the New Year he was overseeing the construction of the Wigeon III light monoplane, and was the first to fly in it as a passenger after its maiden flight. Obtaining a commission in

the Reserve of Air Force Officers (RAFO) in 1927, Penrose learnt to fly in a Bristol Type 73 at the Bristol Flying School, soloing after six hours dual and moving on to a Jupiter-engined advance trainer variant of the First World War Bristol Fighter. He returned to Westland gazetted as Pilot Officer RAFO. obtained his private pilot's A-Licence the same year and made his first flights for Westland in the Wigeon.

In March 1928 he was aucompany's new machines much to his surprise, as he had fewer than 100 hours' total piloting experience. He was also acting as a test-flight observer, and later that year was made manager of Westland's new civil aircraft department, overseeing the development of the W.IV and Wessex trimotors. In October he qualified for his

commercial pilot's B-Licence.
In 1930 Penrose began flying the Wapiti general-purpose mil-itary two-seater and the following year he was entrusted with taking a Variant to South America and demonstrating it in both landplane and scapiane forms.

Shortly after his return, in May 1931, Captain Louis Paget, Westland's pilot in charge, suffered serious injuries in a crash, and Penrose was asked to ful-



fil his duties - with no increase in wages. After all, he later re-called: "It just seemed won-derful that Westland was letting me have extensive free flying which I would otherwise have been unable to afford." With the news that Paget was permanently crippled, Penrose was appointed chief test pilot.

Amid his busy professional life, Penrose also found time to build and fly his self-designed sailplane, Pegasus, in 1935. With the outbreak of the

Second World War, produc-tion testing intensified and the Lysander, with its exceptional short-field capabilities, became renowned for its role in flying Special Operations Executive agents in and out of French fields in the dead of night. The new Whirlwind twin-engine fighter, first flown by Penrose in October 1938, proved a disappointment, and the extraordinary tandem-wing version of the Lysander, which he

in July 1944, was a one-off experiment.
Penrose also carried out the

production tests of other manufacturers' aircraft build under licence by his company; Spit-fires, Seafires, Barracudas and Lend-Lease Curtiss Mohawk and Tomahawk fighters allocated to Westland for assembly and test-flying. The company's last wartime design, the Welkin high-altitude fighter, proved a troublesome mount for Penrose and his fellow pilots.

By far the most notorious aeropiane flown by Penrose, however, was the turbo-prop powered Wyvern naval fighter, which suffered from being a new air frame married to new and under-developed engines. First flown in December 1946, this big single-seater underwent protracted development during which three test pilots lost their lives. Only quick and instinctive reactions kept Penrose from being numbered among the vicreturning to Yeovil suffered a failed aileron linkage and turned over on its back

After six years of Wyvern flying, Penrose was appointed Sales Manager of Westland Aircraft Ltd, responsible for the Westland, Bristol and Saunders-Roe helicopter group. By then he had amassed some 5,000 hours on no fewer than 250 different types of aircraft ranging from rotorcraft to mod-em jets. He continued to fly for pleasure (he would probably have said that flying was always a pleasure), acquiring a diminu-tive Currie Wot byplane after his retirement in 1967 and sampling other types whenever the

opportunity arose. Apart from his aeronautical talents, Penrose was a keen ornithologist, a naval architect (he designed 36 boats and yachts), and designed the house at Nether Compton, Dorset, in which he lived for 50 years. He also wrote a number of books, being gifted with a fluidity and

elegant prose style rare in aviation writers. His outstanding autobiographical works were Flew with the Birds (1949), No Echo in the Sky (1958), Airymouse (1967), Cloud Cuckooland (1981), and Adventure with Fate (1984). Other titles were Architect of Wings (1985), a biography of the Avro designer Roy Chadwick, Wings across the World (1980), a history of British Airways, and an impressive five-volume history of

British aviation. Penrose was made a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1936 and in 1993, when his tally had risen to 5,500 hours on 309 types, he was presented with Honorary Fellowship of the US Society of Experimental Test Pilots.

Philip Jarrett

Harald James Penrose, pilot: born 12 April 1904; OBE 1946; married 1929 Norn Bailey (died 1986; one son, one daughter);

Professor Donald Earl

scholar and historian of Ancient Rome and the last holder of the Chair of Classics at Hull University before the university dispensed with the subject in 1990.

Brought up in Cambridge, where he shone at Cambridgeshire High School for Boys, he went on to St Catharine's, Cambridge in 1950 after National Service, and after obtaining Firsts in both parts of the Tripos stayed on to re-search on Sallust under A.H. McDonald.

In 1955 he was appointed to the Latin Department at Leeds University, where, apart from a year at North-Western University at Evanston, Illinois, he stayed until moving to Hull in 1978. In those years he produced his four books: The Political Thought of Sal-lust (1961), based on his doc-toral dissertation and concerned mainly with the historian's concept of virtus; a less persuasive study, Tiberius Gracchus (1963); The Moral and Political Tradition of Rome (1967), where he elaborated his earlier treatment of virtus; and The Age of Augustus (1968), the book of his most used by stu-dents and commercially the most successful, being translated into French and German and, according to his own account, reprinted in order to be re-

maindered. The notable clarity and style of these works was also a distinctive feature of his lectures. On arrival in Huli he found a department already fully committed to an "in translation" Classical Studies degree programme, aimed at those with little or no experience of Latin or Greek, and colleagues prepared to give such students parity of

esteem with traditional classicists. He joined wholeheartedly in this development, which trebled the department's productivity in less than five years, only to be frustrated, like much else, by the financial cutbacks imposed on universities in and after 1981, which hit Hull particularly hard.

It was a result of these cuts and the consequent early re-tirement of senior professors that he came back from holiday in summer 1983 to find himself unexpectedly the new Dean of Arts, a role in which he protected the faculty's interests so well that after his initial two-year span his colleagues twice reelected him for a further year. He had also been a writer of | This confidence in him was where, who at this same period elected him Chairman of the Council of University Classical

Departments. His pessimism about the university's future was, however, revealed when be publicly argued in the Bulletin of the Association of University Teachers that too many universities were unwisely trying to keep going all the sub-jects they had taught before 1981, and it was ironical that, when a new regime at Hull decided that whole departments must go, his own was to be one

Before that decision was tak-

Donald Earl was a noted Latin en Earl had already offered to retire early at 57, a gesture which, although it could not save Classics, should at least have enabled the university authorities to reverse with dignity their decision to sack a philosophy lecturer simply to avoid paying his

> For Earl himself it did not bring an end to his service to the university, for, as well as continuing for three more years to teach Roman History to History students, he broke new ground by being appointed a Pro-Vice-Chancellor while on part-time re-engagement from 1988 to

> > T. T. B. Ryder

Donald Earl's many friends at Hull University will remember him less as a scholar and in his roles as Dean of Arts and Pro-Vice-Chancellor but much more for the larger-than-life man that he was, writes John G.

He somehow brought a combination of a sense of fun and of deep historical perspective to everything in which he involved himself. Behind a cloud of pipe smoke, his was the liveliest cor-



ner at any social event. He was the opposite of politically correct but was sufficiently witty to get away with it.

He founded the university's

most convivial lunchtime gathering, known as Table XIII. and he was an active supporter of the Art Collection. A memorable opening of a Surrealist exhibition saw him in outlandish dress complete with lobster on leash.

He developed a love of Venice rather late in life but thereafter became a frequent visitor and a regular participant in the celebration of the Venetian Carnival in Hull. One year he found that his wearing of a Venetian plague doctor's mask greatly interfered with one of his serious interests, the drinking of good red wine. Had he led a different life-style, he might have lived longer but he would have lived less happily and, for the period of his time in Hull, the university would have been a far less happy

Donald Charles Earl, Latin scholar: born Cambridge 11 February 1931; Professor of Classics, Hull University 1978-88 (Emeritus), Dean of Arts 1983-88, Pro-Vice-Chancellor 1988-91; married (two sons. three daughters); died Hull 20 August 1996.

Leonard Katzman

As an executive producer and writer of Dallas, the American soap opera complete with lust, greed and power, based around the oil-rich Ewing family in Texas, Leonard Katzman helped to create one of the most popular programmes in the history around the world - including a of television, seen by an audience of 200 million world-wide. It was conceived in 1978 as a mini-series of just five episodes, but it went on to become America's No 1 programme and finished in 1991 after 356 episodes, featuring Larry Hagman as nasty J.R. Ewing.

Its cliffhangers became leg-endary. The 1979 series ended with Pam Ewing (the actress Victoria Principal) having a horrifying car crash after drinking a bottle of vodka. Would she live? She did. The following series ended with the biggest

game in Britain for many years. She was first selected for the

British team in 1939 but her

bridge career, like everyone else's, was interrupted by the Second World War. When in-

ternational competition was re-

sumed in 1948 she was selected

nine more times for the British

Women's team in the European

Championships, taking the Gold Medal in 1951, 1952, 1959

and 1963. She also played in two

Women's Team Olympiads

(1960 and 1964), her team win-

ning in New York on the second

On the home front she was in

cliffhanger in television: who shot J.R.? To keep the answer secret, four different endings were filmed so that not even the cast knew the answer. When the new series began in the autumn of 1980, 300 m record 83 million Americans, 76 per cent of the audience tuned in to find out that J.R.'s scorned sister-in-law Kristin Shepard (Mary Crosby) had pulled the trigger and J.K. survived. Then, in 1984, came the shooting of Bobby Ewing (Patrick Duffy) and his death in a speeding car. But, after a series away from Dallas, Duffy was to return in 1986 when his screen wife Victoria Principal awoke to find him in the shower - she had dreamed the entire previous series! Katzman, who was instru-

Open events. In women's

events, she had an excellent

record, winning the Whitelaw

Cup (followed by victory in the Lady Milne Cup - the home

Perhaps her best performance

was to be selected for the Brit-

ish Open Team in the 1953 Eu-

ropean Championships playing with Peter Swinnerton-Dyer

(later Master of St Catharine's

College, Cambridge). Not only

was she the first woman to rep-

resent Britain in Open competition, but they took the Silver

Medal. Other women have rep-

resented their countries in the

internationals) five times.



Katzman: television monsters

mental in Duffy's return, had learnt the ropes as an assistant to his uncle, the Hollywood Bmovie producer Sam Katzman, in the Forties and went on to become an assistant director on the Alcoa-Goodyear and Play-

world record as the highest

People often asked how she

placing that any has achieved.

had acquired the nickname

"Dimmie". Her father was the

headmaster of a boys' prepara-

tory school and it was conve-

nient for her to be educated

there where, mysteriously, she

was called Jimmy - which became transmuted to Dimmie. In 1934 she married Arthur

Fleming and, after the war,

they set up a business supply-ing bridge material (tables,

cards, stationery, and so on).

When Arthur died in 1980, she

expanded her bridge partner-ship with Vida Bingham into a

business partnership as well. Dimmie Fleming was better

Dimmie Fleming

popular CBS series about two young wanderers travelling ca since Person Place. As an origarross America in search of adias, from Gunsmoke (1955-75), starring James Arness as Marshal Matt Dillon and set in 1870s Dodge City, Kansas. He also had success as writer and co-producer of The Wild, Wild West (1965-70), starring Robert Conrad and Ross Martin as US gov-ernment agents in the Old West, co-produced Hawaii Five-O (1968-80), wrote, produced and directed Dirty Sally (1974), produced Petrocelli (1974-76) and wrote and produced The Fantastic Journey (1977) and Logan's Run (1977-78).
Then came Katzman's suc-

known to many players as the

secretary of the English Bridge

Union - a post that she held from 1956 until 1975. In those

days the secretaryship was more

or less a cottage industry, run

from home, whereas now the

EBU has its own premises and

a large permanent staff. What helped Fleming in her

administrative work was her

complete calm and unflappa-

bility; perhaps this was of es-pecial assistance in coping with

one or two of the prima donnas

who, over the years, played for the British Women. Believe

me, as ex-non-playing captain, this required almost superhu-

Alan Hiron

conceived by the children's auducer of Route 66 (1960-64), a thor David Jacobs as the first evening soap opera in Ameriventure, and co-producer of 1978, Katzman helped to create in 1984 after disagreements about the way the serial was going. Viewing figures for the following series fell and he was enticed back 18 months later as executive producer. "The series had lost its way," he said. "J.R. had become Mr Nice Guy walking around with his hat in his hands. That was not what his character was founded on." Katzman decreed that

Patrick Duffy must return as Bobby Ewing and made a pact with Duffy that neither of them would return unless the other did. He also killed off some of cess with Dallas, which was the other characters. But Dal-

Benjamin (1983, based on the

time of his death.

ias finally ran out of steam in

1991, although Katzman had rust finished writing the script

for The Dallas Reunion at the

film) and The Dukes of Hazzard (1984), executive producer of the series Our Family Honor (1985-86), creator, writer and executive producer of the television film Dangerous Curves (1992), a producer of the series Walker, Texas Ranger (from 1993), and writer and director of the feature film Space Monster (1965).

Anthony Hayward Leonard S. Katzman, television

producer, writer and director. born 2 September 1927; died 5 of them.

Clem Thomas

It was the laugh that distinguished Clem Thomas, writes Tony O'Reilly [further to the obituary by Robert Cole, 6 September]. Part upper-class; part working-class; a cross between a real chuckle and just the hint of a tease. It was the sort of laugh that made you think he doesn't give a damn, but then again he just might.

I first met him as a very young 18-year-old Lion at Eastbourne as we prepared for the 1955 tour of Africa - or South Africa and Rhodesia as it was then called. He was kind, generous and tough. And then I remembered that he had marked Paddy Kavanagh - one of the leg-endary brothers - out of the game against Wales a few

weeks earlier. Every time Kavanagh ran at Cliff Morgan he either waltzed with Clem or had to run round an obstructing Thomas to get at the Welsh Wizard. Need I say that Morgan had

one of his greater games for Wales. Clem, Russ Robbins and Jimmy Greenwood of Scotland are among the great back rows that ever played for the Lions, and, were it not for his appendicitis, we might well have gone one better than split 2-2, a historic series with Africa in that startling summer of 1955.

Since then, he had never aged; the same boyish enthusiasm, the same Socratic questing spirit, the same toughness

to ask the hard question as a journalist and often of a friend. The Welsh as always knew him better than anyone. Leighton Jenkins said to me once, "Watch him." as the Barbarians played Swansea during the Easter tour. "Watch him," he said, "as he lets the opposing out-half go for the gap and then catches him by his collar as he goes through." And he said, "The out-half's legs do run up an invisible wall."

He lived life to the full and he enjoyed every minute of it and right, I'm sure, to the end. I will treasure him in my box of memories. A memory of a big, fast, tough, generous, rawboned Welsh flanker of the highest class. They don't come better.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

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LIMLEY-SMITH: Ruth, died peacefully on 7 September, after a long illness. Much-loved mother of Lissanh, and Jane. Grandmother of Ross and loved sister of Julyan and her family. Puneral service at St. Mary, Fawley, Berkshire, on Sannday 14 September 1996, at L30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired psyable to Wantage Hospital Thust Fund, or the National Canine Defence League, c/o H.J. Knapp & Sons, 4 Church St, Wantage, Oxon OX12 SBL.

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Birthdays

Dimmie Fleming was at the forefront of the women's bridge event) in 1950 - when these were

the winning team in the Gold Open, but this still remains a

Professor Norman Ashton, pathologist, 83; Mr Franz Beckenbauer. former West German football cap-tain and manager, 51; Sir Austin Bide, honorary president of Glaxo, 81; Dame Margaret Booth, former High Court judge, 63; Mr Paul Cole, racehorse trainer, 55; Mrs Mary Fagan, Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, 57; Sir Bernard Feilden, architect, 77; Mr Eddie George, Governor, Bank of England, 58; Lord Gibson-Watt, for-mer government minister, 78; Mr Michael Lambert, raceborse trainer, 52; Mr Richard Linley, jockey, 42; Lord Mariesford, political consultant, 65; Sir Patrick Mayhew QC MP, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 67; Mr Andrew Rowe MP, 61; Mr Barry Sheene, racing motor cyclist, 46; The Right Rev John Taylor, former Bishop of Winchester, 82; Mr Roger Uttley, rugby player, 47.

Anniversaries

Births: Pierre de Ronsard, poet, 1524; James Thomson, poet, author of "Rule, Britannia", 1700; Arthur Young, agriculturist and travel writer, 1741; Thomas Barnes, editor of the Times, 1785; O. Heary (William

Sydney Porter), short-story writer, 1862: Sir James Hopwood Jeans, 1862; Sir James Hopwood Jeans, mathematician and astrophysicist, 1877; David Herbert Lawrence, nov-elist, 1885. Deaths: Johannes Fyt, an-imal painter, 1661; Giovanni Domenico Cassini, astronomer, 1712; John Brand, antiquary and topographer, 1806; David Ricardo, economist, 1823; Thomas Graham, economist, 1823; Thomas Graham, chemist, 1869; Antero Tarquinio de Quental, poet, 1891; Théodule Ribot, painter, 1891; Prince Louis Mount-batten (first Marquess of Milford Haven), admiral, 1921; Mohammed Ali Jinnah, first Governor-General of Pakistan, 1948; Field-Marshal Jan Chalaina Saute extreman, 1951. Christian Smuts, statesman, 1950; Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev, Russian leader, 1971; Salvador Allende Gossens, president of Chile, al-legedly committed suicide 1973. On this day: the English, under Warenne and Cressingham, were defeated by the Scots under William Wallace at Stirling Bridge, 1297; the Duke of Mariborough defeated the French at the Battle of Maribaquet, the bloodiest war of the century, 1709; a British mandate was declared in Palestine, 1922; in Chile, the gov-erament was ousted by a military coup, and government was taken over

by a junta, 1973. Today is the Feast

Patiens of Lyons, St Peter of Chavanon, Saints Protus and Hyacinth and St Theodora of Alexandria.

Day of St Deiniol, St Paphnutius, St

Lectures

man powers.

National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Fruit and Fibre (ii): Bronzin Allegory with Venus and Cupid", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Andrew Bolton, "Chinese Art and Design in the 20th Century", 2.30pm. British Museum: Debra Mancoff, "Burne Jones", Ipm.

Receptions

HM Government Mr Ian Taylor MP, Minister for Science and Technology, was the host at a reception held yesterday at Lancaster House, London SW1, on the occasion of the 1996 General Assembly of the International Organisation for Standardisation.

Dinners

HM Government Lord Fraser of Carmyllie QC, Minister of State at the Department of Trade and industry, was the host at

a dinner held yesterday evening at Admiralty House, London SWI, in honour of Mr Hidenao Nakagawa, Japanese Minister of State for Sci-ence and Technology.

Phyllis trene Hill (Dimmie Flem-

ing), bridge player and adminis-trator: born 27 October 1911;

married 1934 Arthur Fleming (died 1980; one daughter); died

Fleming: unflapoable

5 September 1996.

Air Force Board Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, presided at a dinner given yesterday evening by the Air Force Board Standing Committee and their ladies, at RAF Bentley Priory, to mark the retire-ment of Sir Moray Stewart, Second Permanent Under Secretary, Ministry

English-Speaking Union The Hon Douglas Hurd MP was the guest of honour and speaker at a din-ner held yesterday evening by the English-Speaking Union, at the Ma-jestic Hotel, Harrogate, to mark the opening of the ESU World Members' Conference. Buroness Brigstocke, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union, presided. The Hon Crispin Money-Courts also spoke. Lady Brig-stocke, Mr Alan Cox, ESU Deputy Chairman, and Mrs Valerie Mitchell, CELUSIA. ESU Director-General, received the guests. Among those present were: Sir Marcus and Lady Worsley, The Mayor of Harrogate, Mr Phare Breachank, and the May-otess, Mrs Broadhank; Mrs Alan Cor; Sir Peter Marshall: Mr mai Mrs William Maler; The Hon Mrs Crispin Money-Counts; Land and Lady Quink; Mr and Mrs D. Robert Thom-burg; Professor and Mrs Alan Watson. Chester Business Club

The Lord Mayor of Chester, Mrs Lilian Price, attended the Annual Din-ner of the Chester Business Club held yesterday evening at the Abbots Well Hotel, Chester, Mr David Jarobs was the guest of honour and principal speaker. Mr Tom Hunt, Vice-President, presided, Mr Philip McCormick, Club Chairman and Mr Bob Clough-Parker, Club Sections also scoles. retary, also spoke.

> Church appointments

Canon Stephen John Oliver, Team Rector, Leeds City (diocese of Ripon): appointed to the Residentiary Canonry of St Paul's Cathedral vacant on the elevation of Christo-pher Hill to the Suffragan See of Stafford.

The Rev Stephen Burden, Vicar, North Dut-wich St Faith: in he also Past Ordinanon Train-ing Leader for the Woolwich Episcopal Area (Southwark). Canon Helen Cambife, Canon Raudenhary Southwark Cathedral: in be also Chaplain, Wekare (Southwark).

The Rev David Fayle, Team Vicar, Dorchester (Salisbury): to be Priess-in-charge, Taumon All Saints (Bath and Wells).

(Sainst (Bath and Wells).
Canon Peter Gompertz, Viear, Northampton St Gilear to be Priest-in-charge, Aruho and Croughton with Eventey (Peterbrough).
The Rev Jane Hayward, Assistant Curane, Bristel Reddiffe with Temple and Bedminster St John the Boptist to be Viear, Easyille St Anne with St Mark and St Thomas (Bristol).
The Rev David Lesson, Assistant Curane, Minehards to be Viear, Watcher (Bath and Wells).
The Rev Hartmur Kripech, Viear, Dover St Martin (Canterbury): to be Rector, Bath Whitost (Bath and Wells).
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Canon Stephen Oliver, Team Rector, Leeds City, and Honorary Canon, Ripom Cathedral: to be Canon Residentary, St Paul's Cathedral (London).

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Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Reg-iment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; Nijmegent Company Grenadier Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the

لمكذا عن ألاصل ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS
The Princess Royal visits the Pennine
Bowling Club for the Visually Handicapped, Brighouse, West Yorkshire; as
President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, visits the Leeds / Beeston Youthworks, Cross Flatts Primary School, and
opens the Cross Flatts Youth and Community Development Centre, Leeds, visits the Princess Royal Community
Health Centre to mark the 30th anniversary of the opening of Hudderfield Royal Infirmary; as President,
British Knitting and Clothing Export
Council, opens Baird Menswear
Brands, Leeds; and as Past President. Charters opens Baird Menswear Brands, Leeds, and as Past President, Chartered Institute of Transport, attends the Joint Meeting with the Royal Aeronautical Society entitled "Civil Title Rotor Airtraft", at the Civil Aviation Authority Handander Civil Aviation Authority Headquarters, Gatwick Air-port, West Susser. The Duke of Gloricester opens the new buildings at the Esset and Suffolk Water Company's Theat-ment Works, South Hanningfield; and wicks. visits the Pre-Preparatory School at Brentwood School, Brentwood, Essex.

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companies.

Russ Oil and Technology. which is Luxembourg-registered, is at the centre of the inquiries. Its discovery sent regulators on the trail of Mr Young and his dealings last month. Last week

Morgan Grenfell froze Mr Young's assets and those of Russ Oil. Set up on 22 December 1995,

Russ Oil has the same structure as the other holding companies

The Lloyd's insurance market yesterday fined seven under-

writing agencies and excluded

five intermediaries from the

market, in the first actions un-

der a new system of public cen-

sures, writes Peter Rodgers.
The fines of £12,500 were for late submissions of syndicate or

agency quarterly returns. Bank-side Syndicates and Murray

Lawrence and Partners were

fined £5,000 each and five oth-

ers were fined £500. This is the

first time fines have been levied

It emerged yesterday that the name of one of the Luxembourg

holding companies - Horten Technology Holding SA - may have been based on name of the home town of Sensonor, a high technology firm based in Horten, Norway.

standards", Fortress Auto Sys-

tems Pty no longer met Lloyd's

financial standards and Dobin-

son Gregory's period of regis-tration had expired.

day before the extended dead-

The announcements came a

quisitive transport group which has already made the same commitment. Lloyd's market issues fines and bans agencies The firms had access to the mar-ket to underwrite for syndicates.

Philip Knight & Co, exceeded the terms of its underwriting profits, including Government subsidies, of £401,000. authority and Prokor Underwriting Managers (Pty) Ltd "purported to provide insurance in the knowledge that no cov-er was in place". Coburn Wil-Twelve more rail franchises son's handling of insurance business "fell short of regulatory

are still up for grabs, but National Express said Opral, the rail franchising office which is managing the privatisation process, had made it clear it preferred bids from each interested company for most or all of the remaining franchise areas.

"We think we're going to get another slice of the action," said

paid to its chief executive, Peter Aikens, after the company moved its headquarters from Guildford to Bristol. The package raised eyebrows among institutional investors and prompted one large fund to

The profits warning is the sec-

Dogs, closed 1p lower at 115.5p. Until recently, Matthew

Clark, which under Mr Aikens

had grown rapidly through acquisition, remained relatively

sanguine about the threat of al-

coholic soft drinks, but analysts

were yesterday scornful of the

company's over-confidence.

Charles Winston of BZW said:

"Matthew Clark has been say-

ing to everyone and anyone that

we should not worry about

Market report: Investors sit on a cash pile

Investment: Williams focuses on the future

China backs single HK currency

Hong Kong currency, and would use its own reserves to with the US dollar.

Institutional investors were left

seething vesterday after an un-

expected profits warning from

Matthew Clark sent shares in

the cider maker and drinks

The company, which only last month raised backles in the

City with a controversial relo-

cation package for its chief ex-

ecutive, Peter Aikens, blamed

soaring sales of the new breed

slumo in demand for its Dia-

group into a tailspin.

He said Hong Kong would continue in its present role, would become the most important funding centre for China. and "very likely for the

Asian region as a whole".

He said that in fact, the opposite would happen, because under the terms of the transfer of sovereignty there would be financial centres. It was "vital that Hong Kong remain the etary autonomy for Hong

Kong." Mr Chen, who was introduced to the meeting by Eddie George, governor of the Bank of England, said the Hong Kong dollar would circulate as foreign currency on the mainland and the Chinese renminbi would be a foreign currency

The two monetary authorities would be mutually indepen-dent and the People's Bank of China, the central bank, would not set up an office in Hong

to offer liquidity support to

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mond White and K cider brands

Britain's second-largest cider

business, plunged 33 per cent to

431p as analysts reined in their

forecasts for the year to next

April. Expectations that the

company would make up to

£70m were slashed to about

£50m, causing hectic trading in

the stock of more than 10 times

changed hands compared with

three months of under 400,000.

More than 4.6 million shares

the usual daily volume.

Shares in the company,

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and Babycham.

stand ready to use our foreign reserves to support the Hong Kong dollar, if necessary." China would not draw on Hong Kong's foreign exchange reserve fund, which backs the

Taking the reassurances still further, he moved to calm fears that Bank of China, the commercial bank belonging to the mainland authorities, would be

allowed to carve up Hong Kong banking through special privileges. Bank of China is one of three note-issuers in Hong

that Shanghai would replace tre were groundless. Given the size of China's economy, there was plenty of room for two that Hong Kong remain the vibrant financial centre with its own economic system that we

Gillam, chairman of Standard Chartered, and Sir William Purves, chairman of HSBC. who said: "I have a feeling that we will look back on China's One analyst complained: some pretty hefty downgrades to measure the size of the alco-They said they had no idea that this week." to measure the size of the alco-pop market, which includes

this was happening in early Peter Huntley, business de-July when they announced revelopment director at Matthew Clark, said volumes of the comsults. I have to say that is unreasonable. You just don't get pany's three big brands were 35 that sort of swing round for a per cent down in the financial drinks company. I don't think year to date which started in management knows what is go-ing on or how to solve the May after a 60 per cent decline in July and August

He said: "Whilst it is too early to assess the impact on the full-Another broker said: "This was really quite a shock ... alyear performance, current most every broker in London estimates indicate that the was a buyer of this stock and above factors will materially everyone had a tight range in ex-pectations. We're going to see affect the results." Analysts said it was difficult

pop market, which includes drinks such as Base's Hoopers Hooch and Metrydown's Two Dogs, because it had continued to grow at an accelerating pace since the new drinks were introduced last year. Mr Huntley

the premium cider market. The alco-pops, particularly popular with female and young drinkers, have unleashed a controversy over whether they encourage under-age drinking. Drinks industry leaders

agreed in January to a voluntary

estimated the alco-pop market at more than twice the size of

Nottinghamshire seams to open as Richard Budge announces flat £86m first-half profits for private mining company

code of practice to try to prevent promoting the drinks to un-der-age drinkers or linking their consumption with sexual prowess, drugs or violence. Clark also blamed increased

Unit trusts

sales of cheaper cider brands which had taken up most of the growth in the cider market and put pressure on the higherpriced premium brands. That news wiped 21p. or 4 per

cider and an alco-pop, Two

alco-pops. What we discovered cent, off shares in HP Bulmer, today is that is just not hapthe market's biggest player. Merrydown, which makes both

City seethes as warning hits Matthew Clark and serious embarrassment for the company this summer. Last month it was at the centre of a furore over a controversial £430,000 relocation package

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sell its entire holding. It was estimated that the package represented £4,000 for each of the 105 miles Mr Aikens had moved westwards.

THE RISE AND RISE OF RIB MINING

December, 1994; Buys English Craffields off British Coal for £815m after raising £385m in equity and £494m in debt.

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(3) Marcti April, 1996: Reports annual pro-tex profits of £173m (£16.1m) and

has been paid off early. Brings £450m Ashtordby colliery into production.

of alcoholic "soft" drinks for a average dealings over the past

Financial Editor

China pulled out all the stops yesterday to reassure the City that it would back a separate promised that if necessary it support the 13-year-old link

In a set piece presentation to 100 senior City figures at the Bank of England, Chen Yuan, deputy governor of the People's Bank of China, pledged China's determination to do everything it could to avoid jeopardising Hong Kong's prospects as a financial centre.

He was backed by Joseph Yam, head of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, who attacked half a dozen "highly sensationalised myths" about what China would do to Hong Kong's financial system, including allegations that it would

ia Hong Kong.

the Hong Kong Monetary Authority for the purpose of stabilising the exchange rate of the Hong Kong dollar. We also

local currency, "in any way and for any reason". China did not have its eyes on siphoning off the resources of Hong Kong, he

Mr Chen said: "Bank of China shall not be treated more favourable than other banks. It shall not carry out any activities beyond the role of a commercial bank." He also insisted that concerns

The eminent supporting cast on the platform included Wang Xue Bing, chairman of Bank of China, who reinforced the promise that his organisation would not seek special

Other speakers were Patrick Kong.

Mr Chen said China would

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1997 and say this was the support the currency stability of moment when Hong Kong Hong Kong and was "prepared became truly world-beating."

RJB plans new colliery in Newark

Richard Budge yesterday shrugged off critics of his RIB Mining group, which took over the privatised English coalfields last year for £815m, by announcing plans to invest £300m in a new

colliery near Newark, Nottinghamshire. The colliery, which could eventually employ 500 miners, will take 10 to 15 years to come into full operation and produce about 3 million tonnes of coal year. RJB said that seismic surveys of the Witham district just north of Newark pointed to 655 million tonnes of workable coal in three seams. The company

intends to extract about 150 million tonnes from one of these seams. Mr Budge said that the start of production was scheduled to coincide with the exhausting of the giant Selby min-ing complex in Yorkshire. He dismissed suggestions that RJB would have difficulty making sufficient profits from the new colliery or that it was being developed because the company was running out of seams that could be mined easily at its 20 existing collieries.

Charles Kernot, mining analyst with brokers Paribas Capital Markets and a long-standing bear of RJB, said the outlook remained one of lower prices, lower output and lower earnings. "I remain wary about Budge's plans. The profit margins are not substantial and, in any case, it is going to cost a lot more than £300m to keep RJB's output at the current level of 40 mil-

lion tonnes a year.". In May he issued a highly critical note saying he was convinced that a new deep level mine would not be an economic proposition for RJB, adding: "The only way an investor in RJB Mining Shares can make a profit from buying them today is to be able to sell them to a more naïve investor at a higher price tomorrow."

But Mr Budge rejected the criticisms. "These people wandering God's earth saying RJB is going to collapse are as wrong now as they were two; tions in its 1994 prospectus.

CHRIS GODSMARK

Business Correspondent

National Express Group, the

coach, bus and train operator.

yesterday pledged to bid for all

the remaining rail franchises in a move that intensified the bat-

tle over the final phase of the

itself firmly in competition with Stagecoach Holdings, the ac-

controversial rail sell-off. The company, which already controls two rail franchises, put

years ago. The idea that we have only been mining the easy seams is also rub-bish. If they are the easy ones then I would hate to see what the hard ones are like," he said.

He was speaking as RJB announced flat profits of £86m for the first half after an operating loss of £15.3m on the Ashfordby colliery on sales of 20

million tonnes Productivity improvements continued to outstrip reductions in prices charged to the two generators National Power and PowerGen and sales remained comfortably ahead of projec-

bid in rail sales

Imro works on Morgan safety net Nat Express to

MICHAEL HARRISON

Imro, the fund management regulator, said last night that it was working with Morgan Gren-fell Asset Managment to set up an enlarged safety net for its three troubled funds, which have already been given £180m in cash by Deutsche Bank, the parent group.

It also emerged that Deutsche Bank had been ordered by the German banking supervision authority to report to it every day on developments in the Morgan Grenfell situation.

Another £24m was withdrawn from the Morgan funds yesterday, considerably less than the stakes in the maze of Luxem-

three working days.
But with Deutsche's contribution, the funds only had a £300m cash pile when they resumed trading last Thursday, and less than £50m of this remains, which is thought to be too small a cushion even if the level of redemptions continues to slow at its current rate. Traro is working with Morgan

Grenfell to ensure that appro-priate measures are in place," an Îmro spokesman said. In the meantime, investigators

are looking for evidence that Peter Young, the fund manager at the centre of crisis, owned

total of £232m redeemed by wor-ried investors on the previous They are trying to establish by to hide the extent of his stakes They are trying to establish whether he made any personal

> To date, the Serious Fraud Office has not been passed any in-formation which has led director George Staple to open a formal investigation into the affair.

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Sensonor's flotation was handled by Carnegie in 1994. The annual report of the Morgan Grenfell European Capital Growth Fund shows that the fund bad 3.35 per cent of its assets in the electronic components company's shares as at 31 Jan-

Earlier this year National Express won the bidding to operate the lucrative Gatwick Express franchise, claimed to be the only profitable route on the old British Rail network, along with Midland Main Line which runs trains from London's St Pancras station to the East Midlands and Sheffield. In the first two months' trading these rail businesses made operating

Ernie Patterson, chief executive. He suggested Opraf's strategy was to try to guarantee bids for the least attractive franchises, which include the cash-starved West Coast Main Line. But National Express admit-

ted its approach could bring it into further conflict with the competition authorities. In the case of one available franchise, Scotrail, National Express already has a virtual monopoly over coach travel between London and Scotland.

It means the on-going inves-tigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into the acquisition of Midland Main Line will take on even greater significance. Mr Patterson said he would be submitting evidence to the MMC later this week and was expecting a final decision in November. National Express made the

announcement as it revealed a 160 per cent surge in pre-tax profits in the first half of the year Excluding the impact of the

recent takeovers, operating profits went up by 143 per cent to £19.5m. The company said it was looking for further takeover

opportunities beyond the rail sector. It is close to finalising a joint bid for the privatisation of Australia's airports, in competition with BAA.



BSkyB in row with Carlton over adverts MATHEW HORSMAN

Media Editor

A long-simmering advertising war between Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB and ITV companies last night erupted into an unseemly and public row - and all because of a series of television The point of contention is an advertising campaign by Carlton Select, Michael Green's cable-

only entertainment channel, which has been running on 13 Sky channels for the past week. According to Carlton's media buyers, BSkyB pulled 20 out of 22 scheduled airings of the advert between Monday afternoon and early evening yesterday, and requested that the campaign



be modified to downplay refer-

ences to the channel's cableexclusive nature. Carlton Select, which features repeats of such hit programmes as Birds of a Feather, Lovejoy and Soldier, Soldier, is not available to satel-

marked the second time the campaign had run, and the second time BSkyB had comconcludes the commercials. BSkyB is concerned that its direct-to-home satellite sub-

> channel they cannot currently receive. A Sky spokeswoman denied the ads had been pulled, however. "If we had any objection to the commercials, we would not have let them continue to be aired," she said. The advert appeared as scheduled yesterday, although

"We had to tell people it was available on cable. Otherwise, plained about the prominence of it would have defeated the pur-the "cable-exclusive" tag line that pose of the ad." scribers are being told about a

BSkyB has continued to press Cariton Select's advert agency to make the changes. advert altogether.

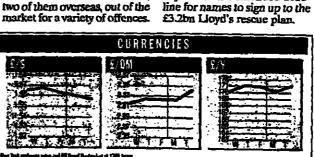
the UK, now approaching 1.5 million, compared with about 3.8 million direct-to-home sub-

Carlton Select insiders suggested last night that BSkyB was concerned about the growing number of cable subscribers in

director of Carlton Select, said:

Ms Goldsmith said Carlton Select would make a formal complaint to the Independent Television Commission, the television watchdog, if BSkyB did not provide a credit for the missed airings or if it pulled the

for late returns. The Lloyd's regulatory board also threw five intermediaries, two of them overseas, out of the



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took yesterday after warning there would be a large hole in profits this year, courtesy of the "unprecedented growth" in sales of the new breed of alco-pops.

Investors, however, are unlikely to see the funny side of things following the brewers droop that the shares predictably performed. It is a strange tale indeed. Only two months ago, Peter Aikens, the accident-prone chief executive of Matthew Clark, was reporting a doubling in annual profits and telling shareholders that every-thing was hunky dory. Now we are told that orders fell off a cliff in July and August, with sales of Babycham and the cider brands

down by an incredible 60 per cent. Now it has always been a bit of mystery who bought Babycham, much less enjoyed drinking it. It is also true that the brash and dubious promotion of brands such as Thickhead. Hooper's Hooch and Two Dogs, together with the blaze of publicity, have conspired to leave the Babycham Bambi dead in the water.

But in a business like the drinks industry,

management were not aware of the dire state of sales when they were briefing analysts and investors on full-year profits in July.

It is still possible that the company or the cuts, however. Generous though they might markets, or both, have overreacted. But given the appeal of the alco-pops and the reluctance of the authorities to stamp out all but the most blatant marketing to under-age drinkers, it looks unlikely.

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Mr Aikens last courted controversy after being paid £430,000 in relocation expenses to move from Reigate to Shepton Mallet after the company changed hedquarters. Juding from yesterday's shock announce-

ment he did not move close enough. Whereas the fiasco over his relocation expenses was an error of judgement that shareholders can probably forgive, Matthew Clark's failure to read its market is much more serious. Shareholders may feel he needs to be left with more than a Thickhead for the turn of events.

Don't be misled by BT cuts

Time was when BT needed to be dragged kicking and screaming by the regulator, Oftel, into tariff cuts of any variety. They used to be done grudgingly and with little funfare. These days BT makes a virtue out of necessity and terreserve appropriate the most letters. where production is geared to forward sity and trumpets everything the regulator re-orders, it looks odd, to say the least, that quires it to do. If nothing else, BT seems to cost to telecoms operators of long distance

be learning some of the basic skills of mar-keting.

Don't be misled by yesterday's package of cuts, however. Generous though they might look, they actually amount to only a half of the tariff cuts required by the regulator this year. More will have to follow. Furthermore, they have been cunningly slanted at routes where prices need to fall anyway because of increased competition - long distance and international. In other words, regulation is biting in areas where it may no longer be nceded, the areas of telecommunications where competition is beginning to provide all the safeguards the consumer needs. The weakness of the present controls have been in significantly cutting the bills of low user residential customers, which is arguably the area in which they are most needed.

It would obviously be an exageration to say that price regulation has as a consequence been failing the British public. Even in areas where competition is now thriving, you can bet your boots BT would not have cut prices by as much but for the strictures of the regulator. But the point has none the less been taken on board by Oftel in its latest review of the price controls. The new system, which comes into force next year, will weight control towards the charges that really need it.

As for long distance and international tar-

calls these days is not so much greater than that of a local call. We are entering an era of ever cheaper and cheaper telecommuni-cations. The challenge to BT and other national telephone companies will be balance this commoditisation of the basic service with value added services that both secure the customer base and provide a fat-

Courtaulds locates its sweatshops elsewhere

The new man at Courtaulds Textiles has wasted little time in accelerating plans L wasted title time in accelerating plans to shift production offshore to developing countres with cheap labour saying he wants to double the current 15 to 20 per cent share taken by foreign factories. The company is less clear on how long the transfer might take to complete, but after yesterday's all too dis-astrous figures, the stock market will be pressing the new chief executive to deliver.

Good news then for the likes of Morocco, Tunisia, Sri Lanka and Turkey. Not such good news for British textile workers, notwithstanding the new investment promised by Courtaulds in Britain for meeting the needs of high fashion. But whatever the issues of this particular case, the proposition that British jobs more generally are being exported to cheap labour countries just doesn't stack up. For a start the numbers do not support the

contention. During the past decade, employment in the UK has increased – a bit for men and a lot for women. Nor have all these jobs been part-time "McJobs". Female full-time employment has increased about as much as employment has increased about as much as part-time employment. Average earnings have climbed steadily in real terms. Greater inequality means the poorest are worse off but there is no general immiserisation of the

workforce taking place.

For another thing, the jobs being created in the UK by foreign investors - even some "third world" investors from Taiwan and Indonesia - are better than the ones being created in low-cost countries by British firms. Why on earth should a prosperous developed country want to hang on to the kind of jobs that pay starvation wages? Do we really want to be the sweatshop of the world, competing with India and China for mechanical and boring work like weaving commodity textiles - or even data-processing for that matter. Better by far is the new generation of jobs in sophis-ticated and capital-intensive factories making reasonably hi-tech goods. But there is a further point here. Manufacturing, which continues to bear the brunt of any job losses in Britain, is now a comparitively small part of the British economy, accounting for less than a quarter of total output. Any job lost is painful enough, but when the wider pic-ture is taken into account, the export of textile jobs to third world nations is not a hugely significant phenomenon.

· Directors of the £500m Kleinwort Benson European Pri-

vatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) backed a deal jointly proposed by the existing managers and M&G, their rivals. If they accept the offer at a EGM in October, Kepit shareholders will be able to choose between a new European privatisation unit

trust, run by Kleinwort Benson; an existing M&G European and General Fund or units in a new Kleinwort Benson Money Market Trust, which could be instantly redeemed for cash. Howev-

er, TR European Growth (Treg), a rival bidder for Kepit, claimed its cash offer still give shareholders a better deal, while its al-

ternative share offer could deliver far better investment returns. Demand for loans by both consumers and businesses is accelerating, according to the Finance and Leasing Association.

Its members reported that personal lending was up 38 per cent

in the year to August. Within the business sector, there was a 42 per cent jump in "big ticket" leasing during the month, tak-ing the year-on-year growth to 199 per cent. Martin Hall, di-rector general, said: "Not only are consumers borrowing more

to spend more, but businesses seem to be borrowing to invest."

Amstrad slipped back into the red last year, but the compa-

ny said rationalisation of its consumer electronics business would

help stem losses. The group made a loss before tax of £14.9m

in the year to June 30 after a profit of £3.1m last time. Sales rose to £329m from £272m. A fundamental shake up of Amstrad Consumer Electronics, (ACE), originally the mainstay of the company, cost £10.7m in restructuring and redundancy costs. Alan Sugar, the founding chairman, said Amstrad would now concentrate on building up, its tackpology based businesses.

concentrate on building up its technology-based businesses -Dancall, Viglen and Dataflex Design Communications.

• United News & Media, Lord Hollick's media and financial

services company, yesterday announced the merger of two printing plants in nothern England, at the cost of between 50 and

*Olivetti boss faces series of grillings

ANNE HANLEY

Francesco Caio, Olivetti's managing director, will be grilled over the next week at meetings with Italian authorities and investors keen to know the true state of the struggling computer maker's finances.

The Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, has also become involved in the affair.

He yesterday met Carlo de Benedetti, who resigned as chairman of the company last week, to ask the financier to brief him on the situation at the company.

Mr Caio's round of talks be-Pierluigi Bersani, who will want to know whether the rumours that the group plans to play off 5,000 employees are founded.

Mr Caio will tomorrow appear before the Senate industry committee, and on Monday and Tuesday he faces his toughest test in meetings with in-

In Milan, then in London, he will be called on by investors to explain question marks hanging over Olivetti's half-year figures released last week.

The affair continues to unsettle investors. Olivetti's stock fell by 7.18 per cent to L560 in Milan yesterday, following the 20 per cent on Monday when

some L530bn was wiped from the total market value. There were reports Consob, the market regulator, had asked the group by today to elaborate on seven points on the half-year results

Doubts that pre-tax losses of L440.2bn last week told the whole story, took centre stage once again yesterday when the company's former director-general, Renzo Francesconi, wrote a letter to the Milano Finanza financial daily apparently deny-ing having called the figures into

Mr Francesconi resigned from the Oliveti board last gins this afternoon with a meet- nanza that "the situation is ing with the industry minister, much more serious, especially from the financial and economic point of view".

"Thère can be no negotiation on numbers and cash flow," he told the daily. Whether Mr Francesconi had since retracted that statement was unclear for much of yesterday, but the deputy editor of Milano Finanza, Franaco Bechis, stated that he confirmed "the contents of the original article letter by letter, comma by comma, tone by tone."

Later in the day, Mr Francesconi explained that "what I was denying was not the substance, but the form of that article". He confirmed his criticisms of

the half-year report.

AEA Technology, the engineering services group, formerly known as the Atomic Energy Authority, will be valued at between £192m and £216m when week after telling Milano Fi- it floats on the stock market later this month. Yesterday's prospectus -

presented by the chairman. Sir Anthony Cleaver (right), with chief executive Peter Watson - gave an indicative price range of between 240p and 270p a share, for a price earnings multiple of 15.1 times up to 17 times

historic earnings of 15.9p. The notional gross dividend yield is 3.5 to 3.9 per cent in the year to 31 March. The placing and intermediaries offer will be priced on 25 September.

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Rexam revival plans win City backing

Plans to revive the flagging fortunes of Rexam, the paper and packaging group formerly known as Bowater and under new management, received a warm welcome in the City yeserday, even though profits con-

tinued to shrink in the first half. The shares rose 14p to 408.5p after Rolf Borjesson, the Swedish chief executive who replaced David Lyon in July,

announced a programme of

disposals aimed at businesses with sales of up to £300m a year. 'We need a flatter organisation to implement changes and increase our focus," he said.

Disposals in five of Rexam's seven sectors were expected in the next 12-18 months, he added, noting that businesses with annual turnover of £200m had already been sold.

Analysts reckoned the disposals are likely to see Rexam concentrating on its core packaging activities at the expense

building and engineering.
"Whole divisions could be sold off," said Francesca Raleigh at brokers Panmure Gordon, "It's not difficult to make good money from pack-aging but there is a lot to do."

The news came as Rexam reported pre-tax profits in the six months to June of £77m, down from £112m a year ago, and warned that it was cautious about the outlook for the second half of the year despite a from the FT-SE 100 index.

of peripheral operations such as better July and August than the corresponding period in 1995. Jeremy Lancaster, the new

chairman, blamed "generally flat" industrial demand, particularly in the UK and Continental Europe. Rexam has been out of favour with investors since it issued two warnings in three

months last year as profits were hit by volatile raw material costs and customer de-stocking. In July Rexam was ejected

100 jobs. A plant in Manchester, which had been printing the group's Express titles, is to be closed, with the contract moving to a site in Broughton, where titles published by United Provincial Newspapers had been produced. The move, which will cost £32m in restructuring charges, will require additional investment, with Broughton being expanded to house 8 reconfigured presses.

• Losses at Spring Ram, the bathroom fittings group, widened to £20.4m from £17.3m in the first half of 1996. However, stripping out one-off charges the deficit was reduced to £7.1m from £16.7m.

 Sir Chips Keswick, chairman of Hambros merchant bank, met with its new and critical shareholder Regent Pacific, which described the talks as "useful, productive and workman-like." Regent snapped up a 3 per cent stake at just under 240p per share in the bank last month, describing it as "undervalued and undermanaged". Analysts say they can see Regent's point and Martin Cross at UBS values the shares at over 300p on the basis of the bank being broken up into its constituent parts.

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Courtaulds dip into red prompts job fears amid radical shake-up

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Courtaulds Textiles, chaired by Jon Eccles, yesterday announced a radical restructuring plan to arrest the decline in the Gossard bras to bed linen group which saw it sink into the red in the first six months of the year.

Colin Dyer, who took over as chief executive after the ousting of Noel Jervis in June, said the group would take a charge of £30m-£35m over the next couple of years as it exited from about a dozen businesses that were underperforming or did not have the scope to become leading players in in-

The programme would be

ings of between £10m and £13m by 1998, he said.

The group also renewed its warning that jobs would be lost as it stepped up plans to move more of the group's clothing manufacturing operations overseas. It refused to specify how many of the 14,000 employees in the UK would be affected.

Although profits of £6.4m turned into a loss of £8.5m in the six months to June, news of the shake-up was generally well received yesterday and the shares gained 5.5p to 310.5p. The market was braced for poor figures after two profits warnings since the turn of the year and yesterday's plans appeared to build on the ratio-nalisation begun by Mr Jervis.

Pippa Wicks, finance director, factories" in Britain, the Unit-said the group was "acting a lot ed States and on the Continent more decisively and a lot more speedily" than before,

The core businesses are to be grouped around four divisions where the group has strong positions, covering lace and stretch fabric, lingerie and hosiery, casual wear and underwear and furnishings.

The 12 businesses to go, carmarked a year ago, represent £160m of sales and no profits with some of them not being profitable for several years. Cabinet towels, curtains and the manufacture of Arab head shawls have all gone, with the inning business on the blocks

would have to close in the clothing business as more manufacturing is shifted to Third World countries.

Ms Wicks refused to be drawn on the impact on the group's 23,000 employees world-wide. She denied that the plans had any connection with Labour proposals to introduce a minimum wage, although she noted that "certainly, depending on where it comes in at, it will make manufacturing textiles in this country more difficult".

Half-year profits were hit by a £9.1m exceptional charge, in-cluding a £6.5m net loss on disposals. Further redundancy and

rationalisation charges in the second half would take the fullyear charge to about £20m, Ms Wicks said.

Operating profits sank from £15.5m to £5.4m in the opening six months, with most of the pain being felt in the old fabrics division where profits sank from £11.1m to £4.8m, before a £1.9m restructuring charge. The destocking affecting the US lace business after retailers over-estimated demand over Christmas continued, but with order books full, there are signs that the stretch fabric side is now

picking up. However, Ms Wicks warned the move by women away from lacy underwear was continuing

the mercy of highly cyclical markets. Growing the business without a visi-

ble improvement in market conditions

could be like pushing water up a hill

pre-tax profit forecasts before excep-

tional unchanged at £52m for this year and £70m in 1997. That implies a p/e

ratio of 19 falling to 14 next year.

Scotia's hopes

for magic bullet

Scotia, the biotechnology group, has proved even more of an enigma to the

stock market than the rest of a sector

already prone to sudden shifts in sen-

timent. With off-beat products based

on lipids, the fatty molecules that

make up the membrane of cells, and

a factory at Callanish in Lewis, better

known for its standing stones than its

drugs, it is perhaps hardly surprising

Yesterday, the group was claiming

that Scotia has been hard to value.

suggested EF13 could be cleared for

Tarabetic, the diabetic treatment which

should be Scotia's first major drug to

Meantime, its long-standing busi-

nesses selling treatments based on

evening primrose oil and lipid tech-

nology are struggling, as the 12 per cent dip in first-half turnover shows. Losses leepened by 31 per cent to £7.03m in

the six months to June. At the current

rate of burn, Scotia's net cash of £39.3m

Even after yesterday's 31p fall to

702.5p, the shares, which capitalise Scotia at £540m, look high enough for now.

will be used up in about 18 months.

hit the market early next year.

House broker BZW has left its

for Delta's new boss.

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

NatWest in a spin as Lord Alexander losses favourite PR

It's all change at Nat West. Lord Alexander, the chairman, is losing his favourite press handler, Ed Townsend, and gaining a new finance director, Richard Delbridge. formerly of HSBC.

Ed was a journalist at the Times before becoming a press spokesman at BAA. He oined NatWest six years ago, and is now moving to City. spin doctors Luther Pendragon, who advise companies like Cable & Wireless and

United Utilities. George Pitcher, joint managing director of Luther and himself an ex-scribbler, recently recruited another ex-Times man, Melvyn Marckus. Mr Pitcher says: "Edward's combination of senior media experience on both sides of the wire is absolutely in keeping with our culture and our

offer to the market. ."He is both a wise counse and a gritty operator - in short, he is very 'Lutheran' and we are very lucky to have

Ed himself insists that "I'm only Lutheran in the non-religions sense".

The top PR slot at Nat-West is still vacant since Simon Lewis defected to British Gas Energy, Headhunters Odgers are still looking, offering a package of around £120,000, according to the wine bar cognescent so get your CV in.

Richard Delbridge comes on board as finance director after retiring from the same post at HSBC last November. An HSBC source says: "Mr

Delbridge took Midland all the way through the acquisi-tion by HSBC and the merging of the two balance sheets. He was very tired at the end of it and wanted a break."

Mr Delbridge was not part of the door Scottish clan that runs HSBC, and will no doubt feel more at home at cricket-mad-Nat-West. - 🕳

The administrator of Polly Peck has won control of Asil Nadir's £2.6m bail money, which the Cypniot busine man forfeited when he fled from British justice.

An Old Bailey judge yesterday awarded the money to Polly Peck's creditors instead of the British texpayer, the usual recipient of forfeited bail money. Chris Morris of Touche Ross, the administrator of the Polly Peck empire which crashed four years ago,

When Nadir was arrested



by the Serious Fraud Office and charged with fraud involving £30m, his bail was paid for by Impex Bank, a Turkish Cypriot bank. Creditors of Polly Peck, however, are owed over

£1.8bn, and Mr Morris has done well to recover around £60m of it. The final payout. says Mr Morris, should be at least 2.4p in the pound. Returning to the giddy world of City spin doctors, Merrill

Lynch is seeking to recruit a new head of PR for a rumoured £250,000 a year. Quite a lot of dosh for saying "no comment - you'll have to speak to New York".

Richard Spiegelberg, the present incumbent (another ex-Times journalist - they seem to get everywhere), is moving to the international private banking side.

Pity poor Marcus Will, a former colleague of Mr Spiegelberg's, who moved to become spokesman for Deutsche Morgan Grenfell a fortnight ago just in time for the unit trust débâcie. "He must have had quite a first week," says Mr Spiegelberg.

Barings Asset Management has decided that, a year after the Leeson disaster and its passage into ING's owner-

ship, it needs a complete strategic review. But instead of hiring Arthur Andersen or Bain, BAM has hired Richard Wohanka from Paribas Asset Managment to do the whole thing himself.

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Jonathan Taylor, director of BAM, explains: "Having recovered from the 1995 crisis we could have gone to outside consultants, which would have been a very expensive

"We decided that Paribas has many similarities to us less than half earnings come from the UK, it's very international, and Mr Wohanka has been heavily involved in developing the business."

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, laid the foundation stone for the European head office of Daiwa Securities in the City yester day, and made a typically bullish speech about London's world standing.

Mr George said he had been in the City for 35 years and it was always worried about its standing: "The more the City worries, the less I do.' He also said Daiwa was to be considered not as a visitor

but "a home team, very much

in the Premier League".

John Willcock

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Williams focuses on the future

Williams Holdings saw the writing on the wall for conglomerates a long while before its peers and worked hard at creating focus. For a while it looked simply cosmetic - clumping disparate businesses into three merely nominal divisions - but yesterday's interim figures, showing profits up 11 per cent to a record £114.9m despite quite difficult markets, showed there was real

substance behind the rhetoric. Not that the steady progression in profits, earnings and dividends over the past five years has done much for the share price, which has traded resolutely in the 300p-350p price range throughout most of that period. Williams has been one of those stock market puzzies, a well-run business that nobody seems terribly interested in.

One of the reasons for the dull performance is the fact that, despite recent acquisitions which have helped the balance somewhat, Williams is still heavily skewed towards the construction and building markets. Turnover from continuing operations of £818m (£709m) was more than half accounted for by the Rawlplug to Swish and Valor building arm. Profits in North America rose slightly but the good work was wiped out by a similar decline in Europe and prospects remain tough on

That held back profits from the other two core operations, fire protection and security, which both reported impressive advances. In fire, there was strong growth from aerospace customers such as Boeing and portable extin-guishers sold well in the US, where consumer spending is on the up. In security, which includes the strong Yale brand, profits were up 8 per cent on flat sales and the long-term outlook in markets such as the Far East remains

Williams is not going to come good, from an investor's point of view, overnight. It is in the middle of a farreaching refocusing that will take time to bear fruit, but Sir Nigel Rudd and his able chief executive. Roger Carr, are at least heading in the right direction and generating good margins and cash flow while they travel there.

They will not admit as much, but it seems clear that in a few years, Williams will have extricated itself from building products, perhaps raising up to £1bn in the process, and focused even more on fire and security, two markets with the potential for strong growth and, importantly, a global sales and marketing effort.

Profits of £245m this year and £265m next time would put the shares, down 1p to 356p, on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 15 falling to 14.

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That doesn't seem too demanding but, against earnings growth over the next couple of years of less than 10 per cent a year, the rating is unlikely to improve much. Fairly priced.

Dismal Delta awaits new boss

Dismal interims from Delta, the cables and engineering group, provided an appropriate background for chief executive Robert Easton to announce his departure after seven years at the helm. In that time, Delta's profits and earnings have halved, dividend growth has been pedestrian while the share price recently returned to 1989 levels.

Mr Easton's parting shot was to report pre-tax profits after exceptional items of £11.5m in the six months to June, down from £35.1m a year ago on

sales 5 per cent lower at £494m. Delta was hit by huge losses run up this summer by Sumitomo, the world's largest copper trader. Two profit warnings followed and the value of Delta's

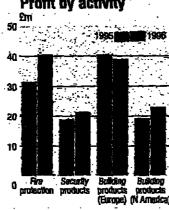
11,000 tonnes of copper held for its cablemaking activities was written down not once, but twice, by £5.7m. Another £5m of one-off charges were made to pay for cost-cutting in UK cable manufacture and for restructuring in cir-cuit protection in continental Europe.

All divisions reported lower profits, with cables slipping into a £900,000 loss, against £2.7m profit a year ago. Sluggish construction demand and bad weather in continental Europe were also blamed. Despite the shortfall, dealers marked the shares 24p higher at 401.5p.

Cynics might say investors were merely looking forward to the arrival of Mr Easton's replacement, GKN's Jon Scott-Maxwell, in December. But analysts also highlighted the stronger underlying picture and the maintained 4.5p dividend as signs that the worst may be over.

While construction activity in France and Germany remains subdued, the that its pancreatic cancer drug codeheavy distributor de-stocking that hit named EF13, would soon outshine engineering appears to have run its even Marimastat, the British Biotech course, while falling raw material and cancer treatment that set the secprices are helping margins to recover. tor alight last November. David Hor-The problem is that Delta remains at robin, the driving force behind Scotia,

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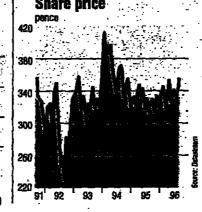
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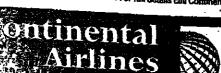
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are unexciting, fund managers seem content to nurse their

cash piles. There is a theory

they fear the expected turbu-

lence normally associated with

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many are planning to pump

much of their surplus cash

tinues to grow at a steady and

modest rate. The clouds on the

horizon are less threatening for

the UK than for most other

overseas.

and PowerGen share sale.

P&O's container merger added another 23p to the shares at 583.5p and Danka Business Systems continued to score from its Kodak deal, up 30p at 590p.
For Thorn, the rental group. consumer boom and policy scares, the UK economy con-

it was another sad session, which can only increase its chance of falling out of Foot-sie. The market is worried about what appears to be

shares, which have been as high as 394p since last month's demerger from the EMI showbiz

er, was nothing compared with the suffering at Matthew Clark, the cider group. A surprise statement that profits would be hit by the alco-pop boom, crushed the shares 239p to 431p as analysts scrambled to lower forecasts for what had been regarded as a high-flying group. HP Bulmer, the biggest cider maker, fell 28.5p to 552.5p but Merrydown, which could claim to have bitten Matthew Clark with its Two

Dogs alco-pop, was little

group, fell 14p to 369p.

Thorn's discomfort, howev-

Altied Domecq fell 7.5p to 461p as long-term bears Lehman Brothers repeated sell advice. Grand Metropolitan, however, put on 7p to 491p, highest for more than a ar, on growing expectations of further asset sales.

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch giant, was 6.5p firmer at 1,346.5p ahead of an investment presentation in Boston arranged by US house Pru-dential Bache. Cable & Wire-less gained 8p to 433p in advance of new chief executive Richard Brown's first meeting with analysis. Vodafone, another on the analytical trek, firmed to 233.5p.

Zeneca, as its migraine deal vith Glaxo Wellcome moved a little nearer completion, tum-bled 26p to 1,530p. In an uncertain drugs sector Scotia fell 42p to 691.5p despite an upbeat statement. But ML Laboratories, which has suffered a long tortuous decline coming down

from 468.75p, rebounded 18.5p to 325.5p on a little bot-

tom fishing.
Railtrack steamed into the inevitable profit taking, off 3.5p at 277p, but British En-ergy, regarded as the privatisation too far, showed signs of awakening with the shares up 3p to 102.75p, as Barclays de Zoete Wedd offered support.

The sale price was 100p.

The sale price was 100p. Sears, the hard-press tailer, was busily traded with a 3.4 million trade at 94p creating interest. The price fell 1p

to 92.5p.
Surrey Free Inns, the pubs chain where takeover action is expected, frothed 9p higher to a 320p peak. Signals that its banks may place most of their shares lowered European Leisure, the once struggling discotheque group, 26p to 176.5p. A cash-raising exercise also appears likely. Graham, the builders merchant, lost

16p to 137p.

year's low of 110p on suggestions it could be taken out of its misery by a friendly

takeover bid. The shares gained 8.5p to 138.5p with the Cobham aviation group cited as the likely

Interim figures are due next week and are expected to dend cut, which could make the Hunting family more willing to listen to offers for its near 30 per cent interest.

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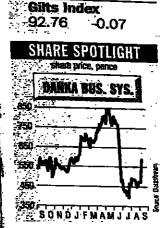
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☐RAP, the rubber and plastic group, fell 9p to a 60.5p low as the market fretted about its ability to turn round the Welpac nuts and bolts packer.

The shares have fallen from 165p a year ago. The company acquired Welpac, on rescue terms, in August last



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big and small, to take decisive action is puzzling many seasoned professionals. There should be a huge amount of cash slushing around the sys-tem. This year's institutional inflow should be a record £55bn and the rush of share buy-backs has given many leading investors - although private shareholders have largely

For a time shares were stretch-

ing to new peaks, seemingly in-tent on making another strong bound towards the magical

But many investors re-

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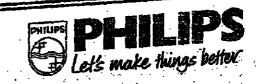
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Vin Tickets to the 1998 WORLD CUP



Today we publish the latest results in our Independent Fantasy Football game, supported by Philips Energy Saver Light Bulbs.

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Listed below you will find two scores. The Week 4 (Wk 4) column shows all points scored in matches played between Monday 2 - Sunday 8 September inclusive. The Overall (Ov) column shows the total amount of points scored in all matches played from Saturday 17 August - Sunday 8 September.

A league of the top scoring Independent Fantasy Football managers will be published every Wednesday and Sunday, starting Wednesday 25 September.

day 25 September.

Today is your last chance to register for Independent Fantasy Football. See below for details on how to enter and how you could win tickets to the '98 World Cup or qualifying games.

The overall winner at the end of the season will be the entrant who has accrued more points than any other Independent Fantasy Football team in that time. Win the ultimate prize a trip to the 1998 World Cup in France. The winner, plus companion, will see all the action of a quarter-final and a semi-final of their choice, plus the final. In addition, the highest scoring team each month will win a pair of tickets to one of England's World Cup qualifying games at Wembley.

HOW TO ENTER

Using your football knowledge decide your team formation from the following four options:

FORMATION A. 4-4-2 4 Defenders, 4 Midfielders, 2 Strikers FORMATION B. 4-3-3 4 Defenders, 3 Midfielders, 3 Strikers FORMATION C. 5-3-2 5 Defenders, 3 Midfielders, 2 Strikers FORMATION D. 3-5-2
3 Defenders, 5 Midfielders, 2 Strikers

You are free to enter as many teams as you wish, allowing you to try out more than one tactical formation, but each team must be made as a separate entry via a separate telephone call. Every time one of your players scores a goal you will be awarded four points. Four points will also be awarded for goalkeepto Sunday inclusive. They will also appear the following Sun-

team a name.



Use our Team Selection form above right, to make a note of directly to a goal) will give a player three points. The opin-your team's details, then dial our registration hotline to registration of our experts on this matter is final. Each player selected ter. Where possible, please try to use a tone telephone, although and starting a game will be awarded one point. a traditional pulse telephone can be used if necessary. Make sure you follow the instructions on the phoneline carefully. At the red card. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count end of your call you will be given your own special PIN num- for scoring purposes. ber, which you must keep safe. It can be added to your Team Selection form.

HOW TO SCORE

Once you have chosen your formation, select your team ers and defenders whose team have kept a clean sheet during a of 10 players to fit your chosen option, plus one goalkeeper match. If a player scores the winning goal, i.e. if there is a oneand one manager from the list below. Players can only play goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal out of the Premiership, there will be the chance to update in the positions that they are listed under and the team's to- for the winning team is awarded one bonus point in addition to tal value must not exceed £40 million. Remember to give your the standard four points awarded for that goal Each successful soon. Please read the Rules and Conditions carefully before assist (a pass that, in the opinion of our team of experts, leads making your call.

The Premiership manager that you choose will be awarded three points if their real-life team win, one point if they draw and no points if they lose.

Results will be published in The Independent every Wednesday for all games played from the previous Monday

day, in the Independent on Sunday. If your player or manager has been injured or transferred your team in our transfer period, which will be announced

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An announcement from Sydney proclaimed that a date had been fixed, 7 December, for the Australians to play England at Twickenham, the day already inked in for the traditional end of tour match against the Barbarians. With dates already agreed for games against the other three Home Unions it would have meant the first Grand Slam tour by the Wallabies since 1984, when they beat all four home countries. But yesterday Ray Williams,

chairman of the Four Home Unions committee, said he was "surprised and concerned" by Australia's announcement.
Williams added: "A proposal was put to a recent meeting of the committee that Australia play England rather than the Barbarians. But the Barbarians' match against the touring team is a very special fixture, involving all four nations. It was agreed that it was not possible to change the international calendar at such short notice. The difficulties were insurmountable. More than 30,000 tickets have already been sold for the Barbarians match and we consider it is in the best interests of all four home unions that the present arrangement stands."

If the date had been agreed it would have presented England with four internationals on successive weekends since they are already committed to playing Italy on 23 November, the New Zealand Barbarians a week later as well as a Test against Argentina on 14 December.

Australia have already cancelled a game in order to play a Test at Cardiff on Friday, 22 November under floodlights. The game against Ireland in Dublin on 23 November has been switched to 30 November. The England squad are to hold a meeting at the end of the week with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs to decide on a policy about future relationships with the RFU and specifically whether to turn up at next week's training sessions.

Anglo-Welsh Cup makes faltering start

It has been on, off, on, and now, partly on, partly off. The trou-bled Anglo-Welsh Cup does not know what is happening. The planned cultural exchange between the two countries has been surrounded by doubt and uncertainty, and lack of sponsorship and poor advertising could add to a loss of credibil-

ity, writes David Llewellyn. Leading names are badly needed to help promote the competition. Tonight, for example, Will Carling was to have appeared at the Arms Park as the Harlequins stand-off. That has now been put on ice until 9 October after Cardiff claimed they could not raise a front row playing without specialist front-row forwards would have been in contravention of the game's safety regulations.

London Irish's fixture at

Ebbw Vale will have to be rearranged because of the com-mitments to Ireland's series of warm-up matches against Munster (last weekend) and Leinster

(on Sunday). Neath and Bristol nearly did not make it. The Welsh language television company Sanel Ped-war Cymru had offered the Welsh All Blacks £10,000 for the live broadcasting rights for last night's match. Bristol objected, arguing that since selling the TV rights involved bringing for-ward the kick-off time from 7.15pm to 6.10pm, several of their team would have a problem getting to The Gnoll in time. Bath are taking the competi-tion seriously, though. Henry Paul and Jason Robinson, their recruits from rugby league, are expected to make their debuts at the Recreation Ground before an 8,500 crowd. The visitors, Swan-

former back-rower Richard Webster, another league import. **INDEPENDENT** RACING SERVICES 0891 261 + LIVE COMMENTARIES RESULT 981 DONCASTER 982 **EPSOM** 983 EXETER

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Renewed Effort can find reward

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RICHARD EDMONDSON

it is an annual oddity at this time in the racing calendar that the rade papers are stuffed with comments and features about haracters somewhat removed from the turf's mainstream. Thus, yesterday, there were sizeable interviews with Lord Swaythling, who will be repre-sented by St Mawes in the St Leger on Saturday, and Hum-phrey Courill, the former Newmarket trainer, whose claim to same these days is the lung Ca-

dies on his birthday cake. The unsung get their opporminity each autumn because the sung are elsewhere. Many of

pacity to extinguish the 90 can-

DONCASTER 2.35: Barry Hills, who won this race a year ago, this time saddles Stygian and NIGHTBIRD. The latter impressed on her debut at Warwick back in May, before a disappoint ing last of four in a decent event at Newbury the same month. Absent since, but has a fine chance if recapturing the form of her first run

3.10: Time Allowed was just caught by Eva Luna at York last time but is slightly better off under today, race conditions. This even is almost three furiouss longer, adding to the guesswork over who will finish in front of the other now. Perhaps both will struggle to hold RUSSIAN SNOWS, who products her best from in the outlines.

3.49: Henry Candy took this last year and tries again with two. Fond Embrace and SPEED ON. Gary Carter is the former's regular rid-

DONCASTER

3.10 RUSSIAN SNOWS (nap)

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: J Gooden — 32 winners from 146 runners gives a success ratio of 21.5% and a profit to a 51 level stake of \$4.81; B Hills — 26 winners, 137 runners, 19.9%, +5.57.6%; H Cecil — 23 winners, 80 runners, 25.6%, +5.8.98; B Hangots — 23 winners, 243 runners, 9.6%, -5.67.68.

E Hangots — 23 winners, 243 runners, 183 rides, 17.6%, +5.16.98; K Devley — 32 winners, 256 rides, 13.6%, -5.17.2; WCarson — 29 winners, 268 rides, 13.9%, -5.6.11; L Dettori — 23 winners, 177 rides, 15.8%, -5.7 81.

BLINKERS O FIRST THEE: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Casual Water (2.00) acrd 257 miles by A Newcombe from fluxblance. Devon, Anzlo (3.40) seru 241 miles by Miss Gay Kelleway from Whitcombe, Dorset.

2.00 SITWELL ARMS MALLARD HANDICAP (CLASS 8) £15,000 added 1m 6f 132yds

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Britain's more significant egos were airborne last week as the Keeneland Sales in Kentucky, which started on Monday, drew Britain's leading trainers.

This exodus means that many of the winning animals at the St Leger meeting, which begins to day, are greeted by small men with horsesheets over their forearms who are invisible for the rest of the year.
Some see this as heresy, be-

cause in a historical context the St Leger is unsurpassed. The world's oldest Classic, it was first run in 1776 to commemorate Lt-Gen Anthony St Leger. The inaugural running came three years after the citizens of Boston filled the harbour with tea, while George Washington was yet to ascend to presidency.



er so the fact that stable jockey Chris Rutter is on the latter is not significant. Rutter's mount stumbled in his last race, but previously put up an improved display at Sandown.

4.19: Cyrano's Lad, who forces the gallop, was an excellent runner-up over six furlongs at York last week. This shorter trip is in his favour. Horses drawn near him can certainly enjoy a good tow. One likely to benefit is THAT MAN AGAIN. The four-year-old has been out of form this year but is now back on a winning handicap mark. Pat Ed-dery's booking is noteworthy.

3.40 Speed On 4.10 That Man Again

The trainers do have excuses for their absence today. The Doncaster card is hardly one to have the aesthetes at the gate in their sleeping bags overnight, and the day's point of attraction is the impenetrable Portland

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Bold Effort (Doncaster 4.10) MB: Time Allowed (Doncaster 3.10)

Handicap. Those who are going to back the winner of the sprint

vestors in the contest will also have had their livelihoods threatened. A high draw used to be required for success, but in the last two years the very opposite seems advantageous. As ever, it may be that the winner will come from where the fast starters are drawn, but as they are so scattered little help comes from that outlet either.

Johnson never rode again after the course opened up with a suggestion it had been built on catacombs, while regular inwas then third in a competitive handicap at Deauville. He may be exceptional value at 16-1. The other significant event on the card is the Park Hill Stakes,

cent years. Paul Cook and Ian winner's prize already as he re-

named after the place where Lt-Gen St Leger used to be a resident. Corradini's performance in the earlier Mallard Handicap will provide a pointer to Beauchamp Jade in this, as she fin-ished just in front of the colt Handicap. Those who are going to back the winner of the sprint will know of the fact when they pull back the curtains and a huge, celestial forefinger is pointing into the bedroom.

The Portland has been a dangerous race for many in re
The specific propers from that outlet either. A remaining pointer is race pedigree and in this category there is none better qualified than BOLD EFFORT (nap 4.10), who was runner-up 12 mouths ago. The gelding appears to have been awarded his

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Slim defence against Shaamit

Shaamit, the Derby winner, mount on the Godolphin run-could face just six rivals when he ner, Tamayaz. tends to send Singspiel to Goodwood on Saturday for the lines up in the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown on Saturday. The colt was one of 12 acceptors for the Group One race yesterday but nearly half the list, including Classic winners Bosra Sham and Zagreb, are expect-

ed to miss the race. Shaamit, who will be reunited with Michael Hills after being partnered by Pat Eddery when third in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, leads a probable threepronged British assault. Glory Of Dancer, fourth to Shaamit at Epsom, will be ridden by Olivier Peslier, while Gary

Ireland, without a win in the race for 10 years, will be represented by the recent Chicago winner Timarida, as well as Idris, supplemented for the race yesterday, and Dance Destantis, Storaghi, Sto sign, the most likely runner of Dermot Weld's three entries.

Zagreb will run only if there is an unexpected deterioration in the weather at Leopardstown, where the ground is rid-

ing firm. Henry Cecil has left Bosra Sham and Storm Trooper in the race but is not expected to run either, with the former likely to have a work-out after racing at Carter has been given the Doncaster. Michael Stoute in-

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It needed the full treatment from Pat Edday to get home EVA LUNA from Time Allowed in the Gaines Stakes at York time whals ago. Henry Cecil rates her highly and this daughter of Allegad is bred to greatly appreciate today's sone three fullongs. Time Allowed was going better than Eve Luna at the funding pole at York and, with Time Chemer as her dam, she can also be expected to stay this eath distance. The better ground should also suit this daughter of Sadler's Weels, but Eve Luna can still be fancied to beat her again. Beasachasen bade is a thicky one to assess on her handled from. She was a highly creditable ascord to Clerkenneal in the Ebor over this trop, but Eve Luna holes a bit better class than her. Russian Sciolini wasn't good enough in the Yorkshire Calas, but the defeat can be excused after such a long layoff. She improved for John Cox test year and her Longshamp win showed the little some cut in the ground. Beyond Doubt and Alabelia are Bady to find this com-

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Westcourt Mangle is going to set these 8-8 a less from his draw next to the stands side rail.
He looked as good as ever when landing the Field Macshal Stakes at Haydock on his responsance and nearly won the Pelace House at Newmantet attenwants. He three subsequent rurs have been over six furlongs and this setum to the minimum is strongly in his favour. Sides little has Pert Eddey aboard after winning a handicap with a big weight at York three weeks ago. She had previously been in Listed and Group races and is back to her useful juvenile shiltly. She's favourably drawn two away from Westcourt Magle so will get a rice lead. Fond Bashrace, short of room when three lengths behind Blue lets at York, is 20 worse for today. She has since figured in a close finish with tusty Parkes, and Brave Edge at Lingfield, form which may not be good anough to land today's prize. When third to Rambing Beer in the King George at Goodwood, Groft Peol finished in from of Lucky Parkes, Brave Edge and Assarding Bay so can be fanced to do so again after yeaterdy's brease in a soft race at Leicester. Another runner who has impressed or Fond Embrace's stablemate SPEED ON, a fine-fulning spacialist whose istest defeat over six can be ignored. For a Severely reduced where and short on experience, he can a scommer when conceding weight and bestern a length by the older Double Quick at Sandown III June. Agric hit is purple patch from March through to June, but it could be asking something of him to reach that same level effort.

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BETRIAN DANCER can do better here efter finding the ground too acht at Goodwood jest time. She wouldn't have to improve that much to reverse the form with Maid For Balleys, and she also has a changed partner with Michael Mills taking over from the claimer Matt Henry. A shade unjucky when second to Panets at Goodwood, betten Dancer can with this. Mag Of Sparts may come out from his Brighton stroil a better frome, but he needs to because Bounded Over best him three lengths on these terms at York in June. Oope Pettin hasn't had the best of luck since her medien win at Chapston and Describe Thee must have a claime on his neck second to Fasil at Goodwood in June. Selection, ISFRIAN CANCER.

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RACING RESULTS 4.46: 1. CROFT POOL IS D Williams; 5-4 fas; 2. Zingh's Damoer 7-2; 3. Esparture 13-8. 3 ran. 2½, 1½. U Glove, Workson). Total: 22.20. DF: 23.50. CSF: 54.55.
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2.00: 1. SANT WHO (Emma O'Commen) 8-4 fav; 2. Mamilianto 4.1; 3. Hailmant 2-1. 5 ras. 6, ½; (W O'Corman, Newmanked, Todas: 22.00; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £6.80. CSF: £7.13. NN:E Broadgam Figer, Colormandes. 2.00: 1. NN:E Broadgam Figer, Colormandes. 2.00: 1. No. Markath (R Price) 7-1; 2. Woodelin 11-4 fav; 3. Excelled 8-1; 12 raw. 1½, hd. (R Armstong, Newmanked), Totas: £1.0.40; £280. £70, £2.20. Pr. £9.70. CSF: £24.94. This: £24.00. NR:e Golden Scotless, Neyme. 2.00: 1. CORSEN (N New Tarked), Todas: £2.30; £1.00: £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.60. This: £2.50. eths Min 20-1; 8. Palaemon 12-1; 4. Cas-ties Barning 33-1. 16 ram. 11-4 fav Rumbusticus. 14. 14. 04 Meeds, Melmes-

Sury). Total: £9.20; £2.10, £6.90, £3.80, £22.20, DP; £177.50, CSP; £180.43. The ast: £7.298.23. This £372.10, NP; Smart Boy. 4.00; 1. COMBEDY BIVER 66 Hinds 9-1; 2. Avenous Power 6-1; 3. Chenry Garden 11-1; 14 ren. 5-2 few Mediand, 3, 10. 0 Berry, Lambourn). Total: £13.40; £2.50, £1.50, £3.10. DF; £27.20, CSP; £63.82. These: £568.31. The: £63.90. 4.30; 1. JUMARSHM SUNSET (5 Whitesorth) 12-1; 2. Regal Sphendour 20-1; 3. Swart Newmarks). Total: £11.30; £2.50, £5.20, £1.60. DF; £262.00, CSP; £187.32. The: £265.70. NRs; Bun Jumbo, Natmonia, Martinesia. 6.00; 1. CHEMIT (Cardy Morre) 16-1; 2. Utanosis Zund 13-2; 3. Resides 11-1; 4. Carlembra 7-1, 18 ran, 9-2 few Stadow Castrig. 7-1, 18, ran, 9-2 few Stadow Castrig. 7-1, 19, Moore, Brighton). Total: £38.70; £7.30, £3.70, £3.30, £2.60. DF; £447.10. CSP; £119.98. Thisses: £4, 158.70. Total: £592.40.

5.30: 1. POSSESSIVE ARTISTE (J Reid) 9 5.30:1. POSSESSIVE ARBISTS OF HEAD 5-1; 2. Ballet High 5-1; 3. Classic Dame 5-1; 12 ren. 4-1 few Macmons (4th), 1½, 1½, [M Stoute, Newmarket), Tota: [A.50; £3.10, £2.30, £2.50, DF: £11,40, CSF, £25,69, Tot £35.10. Justipat: Not won, Pool of £21,334,74 car-ned toward to Doncaster Inday. Placepool: £89,40. Quadoot: £20.50. Place 6: £165.56. Place 5: £106.06.

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Raymond Illingworth's final performance as chairman of selectors was much like his stint as a whole: a strange mixture of the good, the bad and the plain Illy.

The best thing is that Phil Tufnell is finally off the blacklist. That Tufnell was unofficially suspended for the past 18 months was confirmed when Illingworth said that he had "served a long sentence". (If the suspension had been official, there would have been an outcry, and it would have been thrown out on

If it was feeble of the selectors to leave Tufnell out all summer, it is brave of them to do a U-turn now. The line given to reporters when he was discussed but not selected for the first Test against Pakistan was that he could not be picked at home if

that they were prepared to take him on tour - or, more likely, that they are feeling desperate about the state of their attack. The result is that one of the many odd aspects of Tufnell's career - the fact that he has played 16 Tests abroad, where he is supposed to be such a disruptive influence, and only six at home - will

become even more pronounced. The second-best thing is that Owais Shah is going on the A tour. I haven't seen him play, and it's puz-zing that he has been preferred to David Sales, who has a similarly fine record with England's teen teams and has also made a Championship double-hundred. But the mere idea of picking a man - a boy, still not 18 - with only three first-class games

the selectors were not prepared to take him on tour. Now it turns out kind of thing other countries do and England don't. Which means it must be right. And it will be an excellent incentive to a generation of Anglo-Asians.

The other hit of good news is the promotion of Nasser Hussain. The best move Illingworth's panel ever made was this time last year when they brought Hussain out of the wilderness and made him captain of England A in Pakistan. He has not put a foot wrong since, and he now exudes authority as well as flair. Allowing him to leapfrog Alec Stewart is another bold, un English move.

But you have to feel sorry for Stewart Hericket had its equivalent of Footballer of the Year, Stewart would be the clear winner. Dropped for the first Test, he returned to be-



come England's best batsman. At the same time, the county he leads are poised at last to convert their undoubted talents into a trophy or two. All this while his mother has been ill and his wife was having a difficult pregnancy. Stewart's reward is to be branded too old to be vice-cap-

selection panel who have been captain of England, apart from Atherton: Illingworth, who got the job at 36, and Graham Gooch, who got it at 35, lost it, and regained it at 36.

Now for the bad news. Faced with or Mark Falham, who is a better bowler. The selectors, and especially Gooch, admire Irani's relish for the fight, but Hollicake has that, too. Irani's bowling was awfully hittable against India and Pakistan. As bowlers, in Tests he and Hollioake are just partnership-breakers. Noth-

tain at 33. There are two men on the hundreds in a 66-match career, not wholly explained by the good batting strips at The Oval.

The second mistake is picking Chris Silverwood. He's an attractive choice for the same reasons as Shah, and you could argue that Illy is enrounders, the selectors have gone for Ronnie Irani ahead of Adam Hollioake, who looks a better batsman, or Mark Ealham, who is a better opposition. What the attack lacked this summer was edge. Devon Mal-colm, as the County Championship has shown, can provide it. Perhaps Illy can be forgiven for not being that forgiving. But if the last place had to go to another English-type seamer, it should have been Glen Chapple or that you must pick the better bats-man of the two. Irani has made four good A tours, while Silverwood skot-

ted in below them. The A team makes no sense if it is not used as a

Which is not to say it shouldn't also be a rehabilitation centre. On the plus side, room has been found for Peter Such; but this is heavily outweighed by the omission of Mark Ramprakash, Hollicake will probably be a good captain of the A team, but little will be learnt about him in the process; whereas there was a wonderful opportunity to see if Ramprakash could be this year's Hussain. "It's up to the players," Illy kept saying at yesterday's press conference, "to show what they can do." But how can you show a big-match temperament if you're not even in the second XI? Tim de Lisle is editor of Wisden Cricket Monthly'



LTA building for future on clay

With nearly half of the match- money include a number of clay es on the international tennis circuit taking place on clay, the clay courts on which to practice and compete would appear to be a matter of common sense.

For whatever reason, it has taken the Lawn Tennis Association many years to follow the obvious course of action - perhaps it is the national obsession with lawns and Wimbledon which has been to blame.

This week, however, Britain's first men's clay-court event is taking place in Bournemouth. And even though it has been deprived of the talismanic figure of Tim Henman, who is still recovering from the injuries he incurred last week in reaching the fourth round of the United States Open, the inaugural Bournemouth International Open, which has a three-year sponsorship agreement with Samsung as part of the ATP tour, offered evidence that the

domestic sport is moving in the right direction. Naturally enough, those competing for the £270,000 prize

itish players and Olympic silver medallist, Sergi Bruguera, and his Sr ish compatriots Alberto Costa and Felix Mantilla, world ranked 15 and 16 respectively.

The tournament lost one of its biggest names unexpectedly yesterday when Andrei Medvedev, the 21-year-old Ukrainian, who reached a world ranking of No 4 two years ago, was beaten 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 by the Dutch qualifier Tom Kempers, currently ranked 512th.

But the British colours were advanced by the genial, naturalised Canadian Greg Rusedski, who had a straightforward 6-1, 6-2 win over Bernardo Mota of Portugal, a late replacement for his scheduled opponent Joao Cunha-Silva, who cried off with an injured

That Luke Milligan, the 20-year-old taxi driver's son from Muswell Hill, failed to join him in the second round was not surprising given his draw against Mantilla, the tournament's sec-

Mike Rowbottom reports from Bournemouth on a new event, a new surface and a traditional setting

ond seed. Milligan made a dogged attempt to match the Spaniard, but fell away after a close first set, losing 6-4, 6-1.

As far as the LTA tournament director, John Feaver, is concerned, the longer Rusedski can remain in contention on a surface which does not suit his natural serve-and-volley game the better it will be for stimulating interest in the new event.

But Feaver is looking beyond tiative which has been taken here is part of an overall strat- used throughout Europe, egy by the LTA which was put into action 18 months ago, when plans were laid for establishing clay courts in Bournemouth, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Birmingham. After

this tournament, Bournemouth

will be established as a region-Becker injured again

Boris Becker was forced to retire from his first-round match in the Romanian Open yesterday after he suffered a recurrence of the wrist injury that ended his Wimbledon and I couldn't continue." challenge.

The world No 6, who was making his comeback, quit in the ninth game of the first set when he was trailing 5-3 to the

unseeded Christian Ruud of don that I broke at Wimbledon

The German said he did not think the injury would end his career. His 10-week break since Wimbledon has been his longest injury lay-off.

with a new clubhouse.

whom have only previously seen clay-court play on televithe events of this week. The inision. The surface is green, US clay rather than the red clay which has not proved compatible with the British climate on recent occasions when attempts have been made to create new courts at Wimbledon and Queen's.

"It's not surprising that British players haven't done well on clay if the only chance they get to practice on it is abroad," Feaver, a former Davis Cup player, said. "Getting a regional training centre here has got to be good for everyone.

"I sense that there is a new feeling in the British game this season. Tim Henman is big. Greg Rusedski is big. That is something we can build on."

What Bournemouth also has to build on is a great tradition. The main offices beside the centre court were displayed yes-

al training centre, complete terday with pictures of those who had taken part in the The matches this week are British Hard Court Champibeing watched by coaches from onships which were held here all over the country, many of until sponsorship was lost in In 1968, it was

Bournemouth which hosted the first ever open tournament involving both amateurs and the newly established professional plavers. The professionals taking part this week are using oak lockers saved from the old clubhouse,

adorned with the names of previous users - J Drobny, R Lacoste, F J Perry. "We are not launching from cold," Feaver said. "When players see the names of those previous winners here, they want to emulate them. Yeah, sure, the

tournament is about winning

money, but sporting pride also comes into it." The other factor involved in the tournament's success is - naturally enough - the weather. Feaver hasn't acquainted himself with the forecasts for this week, however. "If they are good," he said, "I don't believe them. If they are bad, I get pissed off."

Silverwood a born scrapper

Derek Hodgson looks at the latest fast bowler recruited to the England ranks

ca of FS Trueman, at a London hotel last Friday, signifying his election as Young Cricketer of the Year. I asked him how much he was looking forward to the "A" tour of Australia. "If selected, terrific. I'd be even more chuffed if I thought I'd a chance of going on the senior tour," he said. That would be going in at the deep end."

Silverwood grinned: "I'll take that. I like the deep end." He is not cocky, rather some-

life is a succession of challenges. Born in Pontefract, a part of Yorkshire that puts a chip on the shoulder - Geoff Boycott's home of Fitzwilliam is five miles away he lists his parents as "Brenda Millicent". He went to a

Silverwood: Burgeoning talent tain, David

in Garforth. kid he had speed, endurance Silverwood's first-team place and good co-ordination, qualities that took him into Yorkshire's athletics team and

By 1993, at 18, he was a regular member of Yorkshire's second team and their coach, Dougie Padgett, reported: "For someone so young he has a very mature temperament. He has

made great strides". David Graveney, now a semeeting with "Spoons": "His first ball hit me on the helmet. ther drinks nor smokes.

Chris Silverwood was posing with his silver statuette, a repliall right, Mr Graveney?'. I was impressed by that. I struggled to my feet, took guard again,

and lost my middle stump. Yorkshire gave Silverwood a debut that year, and the next year, 1994, would bring the big push. Instead he suffered a stress fracture of the back. Two winters were spent playing in Cape Town.

Last year his developing physique and speed attracted attention. One seasoned watcher

opined: "This lad will be a better bowler than Darren Gough." Five years behind the England bowler, Silverwood found an outswinger and a faster delivery, improved his accuracy and had that priceless qualification: he always wanted the ball. 🐙 Come 1996

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by giving him the new ball alongside Gough. The response was both expected and adcaught the eye of Pontefract mirable: he has become an exlong, accurate throw, and a useful batsman; a Gough without

the bravado. In temperament and demeanour, he probably resembles most, among England fast bowlers, Brian Statham. But Statham would be astonished by lector, remembers his first one aspect of Christopher Eric William Silverwood: he nei-

Smith takes control

Warwickshire remained in contention for prize money in the AXA Equity and Law League after beating Essex by six wickets in a rescheduled fixture at Edgbaston.

Neil Smith was only one short of a fifth league fifty of the season as the home side won with 5.4 overs to spare. The allrounder was supported by

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

Warwickshire v Essex EDGRASTON: Wandelshire won b

Trevor Penney (38no) following Essex's laboured performance in making only 138 for 7.

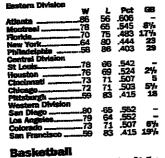
England's new vice-captain, Nasser Hussain, hit a solid 40 off 74 balls, but Essex only achieved some respectability with an undefeated 46 by Jonathan Lewis and a league best 22 not out by Ashley Cowan. Their stand yielded 62 in the last 12 overs.

American football Anserican Tootball The Green Bay Packers did nothing to discourage those supporters who have backed them for the Super Bowl this season when they crushed the Philadelphia Eagles 39-13 in the first Monday night game at Lambeau Field in 10 years. Brett Favre threw for 261 yards and three touchdowns, including two to power Brooks, and the defence inter-Robert Brooks, and the defence intercepted three passes for the Packers. NFL: Green Bay 39 Philadelpha 13.

Todd Zelle hit a three-run homer as the Baltimore Orioles continued their play-off run with a 5-4 victory over the Deoff run with a 5-4 victory over the de-troit Tigers on Monday, gaining ground on the Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees. Cal Ripken's RBI double lex-elled the scores and Chris Holles' sacrifice fly drove in the winning run in the infine ity drove in the winning for the sixth invining as the Ontoles moved within half a game of Chicago for the American Leegue wild card place and within 2½ games of New York for the Eastern Division lead.

Lence Johnson had three hits to become the first National League player in several reasons the first National League player in seven years to reach 200 hits in a season as the New York Mets punished Kewin Brown in a 6-1 victory over the Torida Marlins on Monday, Johnson is the first NL player to reach 200 hits since Tony Gwynn, San Diego, in 1989. AMERICAN LEAGUE: Mineukee 6 Boston 0; Classicant 4 California 3: Baltimore 5 Destrik

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Budweiser have announced a £1.5m extension to their sponsorship of the British Basketball League, covering the

Cricket

Yorkshire have reappointed David Byas as captain but released Mark Robinson, their 29-year-old left-arm seamer. The Hull-born Robinson made 90 first-class appearances, taking 2.18 wickets at a cost of 31.49 runs apiece after signing from Northamptonshire in 1991. He has been unable to eam selection this season. The club have given a new contract to the second-team batsman Bradley Parker, who was offered the chance to move lest year but remained at Headingley to complete the terms of his engagement.

Bob Cottam, the Somerset Director of

Bob Cottam, the Somerset Director of Bob Cottam, the Somerset Director of Cricket, has parted company with the club with a year of his contract still to n.r. A statement from Peter Anderson, the chief executive, vesterday explained Cottam was departing "by mutual con-sent". The same statement also revealed that the club captain. Andy Hayhurst, the off-spinner, Jeremy Batty, and the seem bowler, Jeremy Hallett, are being released.

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H Daz Zabala (Sp) ONCE +1min.

Equestrianism Equestrianism

Andrew Nicholson, of New Zaaland, has climbed to second place in the Land Rover FEI World Three Day Event Rider Rankings behind his competitot Blyth Tait after taking second place in the Burghley Horse Trats, lan Stark, who was eighth at Burghley, is the highest-placed Brition on south place with 250.

LAND ROVER FEI WORLD THREE DAY EVENT RIDER RANKINGS: 1 B Tat (NZ) 42 dpts: 2 A Nicholson (NZ) 367; 3 M Told (NZ) 361; 6 B Stark (GB) 250; 7 J Teulere Et 210; 8 A Hoy (Aus) 199.

FOOTDRIE

FA CAREING PREMIERSHIP AND NATION-WIDE FREST DIVISIONS SUSPENSIONS: V Junes (Wimbledon) one match from 18 Sept. A Thomson (Portsmouth) three matches from 18 Sept. Where Perk Rangers) one match from 18 Sept. K Resety (Queen's Perk Rangers) one match from 16 Sept. K Resety (Queen's Perk Rangers) one match from 16 Sept. K Resety (Queen's Perk Rangers) one match from 16 Sept. Resety (Park Rangers) three matches from vestentally. A Bernell (Reseting) two matches from bothay: P Jewell (Bratilon) three matches from yestentay; D Earlie (Norwich) mat League Cup match; R Feek (Norwich) three matches from today; L Palmer (Cambridge United) mat League Cup match; K Domelng (Bereford United) next League Cup match; K Domelng (Bereford United) next League Cup match; A BicFanisce (Scanthope United) next League Cup match; D D'Asrite (Scanthope United) three matches from yesterday. Football

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150.33. Other British: 22 L Haddney 98.98: 27 T Johnson BC.80; 44 J Mortey 63.03; 54 L Fordough 55.58; 72 J Forbes 45.12; 74 K Marshal 44.69; 75 P Whight 44.16; 84 D Reid 36.88; 88 C Hall 36.00.

Merio Lemieux, the Prosburgh Penguina centre, is to returns for the 1996-97 National Hockey League season.

Rugisy Union

Wakefield, the Courage National League
Two team, yesterday completed their
second signing from Hudderstield rugby league club with the New Zaalander
Darrall Shelford. The 34-year-old centre will make his debut alongside his
Hudderstield team-mate Dean Hanger
in Saturday's first home League match
of the season against London Scottish.
Both Shelford and the Australian winger
Hanger played union in their native countries. Hanger has agreed a four-month
contract, while Shelford, who also
played league for Bradford, is still negobating terms.
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with Gloucester.
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Rocco Pedder, the Western Transvaal nocco reuder, the western marsial pop, has been suspended for the maximum pend of two years after falling a drugs test. The South African Rugby Football Union declined to name the

Saliing Stiff competition from Denmark, the Netherlands, United States, Germany and lettend kept British competitors out of the top 10 after the third race of the Or the top 10 alest Championship in Dragon European Championship in Pullhell was won by the Dutchman Cees Pwithel was won by the Dutchman Cees Nater yesterday, putting him second overall behind Poul-Richard Hoj-Jensen, a Birbsh-based Dane, a double Olympic gold medallist and now builder of Dragons. Third is the American vetter-an and Olympic bronze medallist. Glen Foster, with Patrick Gifford the best-placed Briton in 13th place.

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COLOMBIA WORLD STENES MEN'S TOUR-NAMENT (Bogota) Singles first round: F Santoro (Fr) bt P Camperio (Eod. 6-7.6-4.6-4; J Sanchez (Se) bt M Furcon (Col. 6-4.6-3: L Arnold (Arg) bt M Tobon (Col. 6-4.7-9: N Lepents (Eod. 6-4) bt C Raid (C2 Rep) 6-4.7-9: N Lepents (Eod. 6-1) bt C Raid (C2 Rep) 6-4.6-2: N Lepents (Eod. 6-1) bt C Raid (C2 Rep) 6-4.6-2: N Lepents (Eod. 6-1) bt C Raid (C3 Rep) 6-4.6-2.

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The millions of dollars (£154m) that are being spent on the refurbishment of Flushing Meadow, home of the US Open tennis tournament. Next year's finals will be staged in a new 23,500seater centre court.

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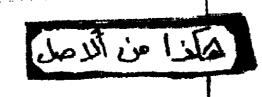
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Juventus provide proper measure

European force? That is the question Manchester United must answer as they begin their Champions' League campaign against Juventus, the holders, in the Stadio Delle Alpi tonight.

Three titles and two Doubles in four years have established Alex Ferguson's side as among the greatest the domestic game has seen. However, their impact on Europe has been fleeting, the 1991 Cup-Winners Cup triumph being followed by a succession of premature exits.

Ferguson is committed to emulating Sir Matt Busby and lifting the Champions Cup. Only then can his team be regarded in the same glowing light as both that side and later Liverpool teams, and only then can its fulcrum, Eric Cantona, be accorded the international respect he craves.

There is no question he wants to do well," Ferguson said of his captain yesterday, 'All players want to play on the highest stage and he missed the World Cup because France did not make it and Euro 96 because he was not chosen."

Cantona will be aware that when he has played the Euro-pean stage with Leeds United and Manchester United it has been with a stutter rather than a strut. Yet he has produced in the big domestic games and United hope his new maturity will

enable him to make the step up.
"It is the right time for us." Ferguson added. "Our ability and temperament are good enough, the question mark is over the tactical side. Our inability to understand the tactics have left. As well as Fabrizio Ra-

After opening their Serie A ti-tle defence with a formidable

4-1 win over Verona on Sunday.

Milan will be looking for an-

they face Porto in their first

Champions' League match

ionight. Milan's new Uruguayan

coach, Oscar Tabarez, who suc-

ceeded Fabio Capello, has only

one significant absentee, the in-

jured Montenegrin striker,

can replicate the devastating

form he showed against Verona.

Tabarez will hardly miss

The Liberian, the world

player of the year, scored a tru-

ly memorable goal, running

more than half the length of

the pitch and riding seven

However, if George Weah

Deian Savicevic.

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Choice of tactics is crucial to United says **Glenn Moore** reporting from Turin

of our opponents beat us two years ago. At least this time I can play my best side; I do not have to leave out a foreign player who is an integral part of the team."

The foreign player restric-tions, which are being swept away following the Bosman ruling, handicap United more than most. Tactically the teams were too aggressive, the midfield too often sucked forward and the defence exposed.

One remedy will be to play three at the back plus wing backs but United's experiments with such a formation, most recently at Derby, have not been successful. Even if Gary Pallister recovers from his knee injury they are likely to stick to a back four, not least because Juventus play with three forwards. Pallister is rated doubtful but most expect him to line up alongside either Ronnie Johnsen or David May. United are also without Roy Keane and Phil Neville, who both recently underwent surgery.

The Italian season only began this weekend (Juventus were held to a draw by Reggiana), so it is hardly surprising that their players are all fit. Yet they can only field six of the team which beat Ajax on penalties in last May's final. Moreno Torricelli is suspended (along with Vladimir Jugovic, a substitute that night) and four of the victorious team

with a strike rated by the

Corrierre dello Sport newspaper

as the second greatest of all

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Santos at the Maracana stadi-

son, only 25,000 tickets have

so far been sold for tonight's

Weah said. "We are playing

very well, but need help from

our fans, because Porto are a

Despite their ominously

"I hope more will come."

Although Milan looked

ominous going forward on

Sunday, Tabarez has problems

in defence. The veteran cap-

tain, Franco Baresi, is out for

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Porto pose dilemma for Milan

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vanelli and Gianluca Vialli in England, Paulo Sousa has gone to Dortmund and Pietro Vierchowod to Perugia. Eleven less noted names

have also gone in a transfor-mation masterminded by Marcello Lippi, the coach, and Roberto Bettega, the former centre-forward now executive director. The reasoning was sound but unusual. While chubs traditionally spend millions without looking further ahead than one season, Juventus have long-term budget plans.

The need for change stems partly from the exhausting playing style and partly from economics. At a time when Fiat are having to watch their spending, the Agnelli family, which owns both the car giant and the football club, cannot afford to be seen giving a blank cheque to the Old Lady.

Middlesbrough's £7m offer was too good to refuse for Ravanelli while Viaili, like Roberto Baggio the year before, was allowed to leave rather than meet his wage demands. Arriving amid nine new recruits are Alen Boksic, Zinedine Zidane, Paolo Montero and Christian Vieri. All are younger (aged 22 to 26) than the players they replaced.

Fiat's own sales included one of their factories, now converted to the botel where United are staying. An appropriate place, perhaps, to finally find top gear іп Епторе. Juventus (profesie): Peruzz; Pormi, Morero, Ferrara, Pessito; Corte, Zidené, Deschamps; Boksic, Vieti, Del Plaro.

Costacurta is suspended.

Tabarez will have to reshuf-

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Galli and Paolo Maldini play-

ing in central defence. Chris-

tian Panucci will play on the

for the Italians on the same

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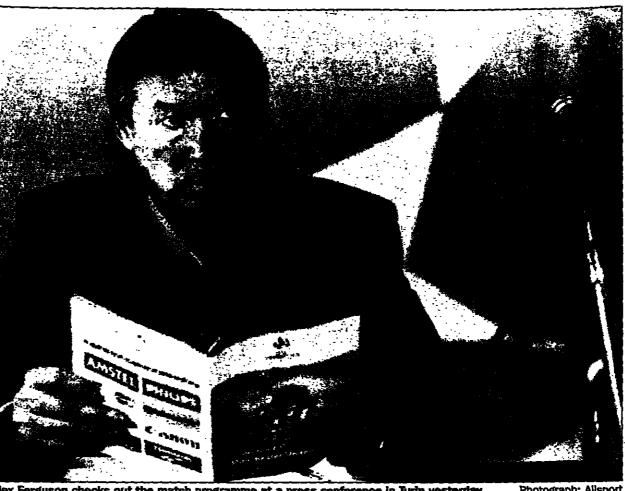
Tabarez, eager to steal the

left, and the former Ajax de- midfielder Arnold Wetl, a

fender, Michael Reizinger, close-season signing from

January.

Quinzinho.



McCoist doubtful for Rangers

The eyes of much of the world will be on Rangers as they attempt to exorcise last season's European traumas in the opening Champions' League encounter against Grasshopper Zurich tonight in a match that will be televised in some form in 198 countries.

Rangers did not win a game in the Champions' League last season, but their 10-3 aggregate

Despite his caution, Milan are still favourites to win the

trophy for what would be a

record-equalling sixth time.

Porto will be rather harder op-

ponents than Verona, but they

will be without the Austrian

Sturm Graz, who was not reg-

istered in time and cannot play in any of their European

competition matches before

injured Olivera Domingos,

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Milan (probable v Porto, European Champions' League Group D, San Sko, toalghth: Rosst; Parucci, Meddru, Rebing-Gall, Desally, Boban, Albertni, Wesh, Sag-

tonio Oliveira, said.

They will also be missing the

"I have not decided the

Vladikavkaz has lifted expectations of their reaching the last eight from a group which in-cludes the Dutch club Ajax and Auxerre, of France.

"I want to make a better impression than last year and I feel overall we are stronger," their manager, Walter Smith, said from his team's Zurich hotel. "The scrapping of the three-foreigner mile gives us an advantage on last season for a start."

Mabbutt

has pin

put in shin

he fractured on the opening day

An X-ray revealed that the

Tottenham captain needs surgi-

cal help to allow the fractured

shinbone to heal properly and it

fil his stated ambition of being

back in the game by Christmas.

Spurs to increase their £25m bid

to sign West Ham's Croat cen-

tre-back Slaven Bilic, who has

been offered a year's extension

of his three-year contract at Up-

ton Park in an effort to keep him.

players who are under contract

to other clubs, but we made sev-

all the injuries we've had this sea-

can't see us ever trying to buy one player for, say, £15m like New-

castle have for Alan Shearer, but

I do have money to spend and

there is no doubt I still want to

Teddy Sheringham, is awaiting re-

sults of a scan on his pulled thigh

muscle to see when he can return

to action. He missed Spurs' last

defeats against Wimbledon and Newcastle after being injured

Steve Stone's operation to re-

pair a ruptured patella tendon

in his left knee was a success,

and his Nottingham Forest

manager, Frank Člark, said yes-

terday: "The surgeon has told

us that everything went well.

We're already looking forward to Steve making a full recovery."

while training with England.

Tottenham's England striker,

get new people in if I can."

Tottenham's manager, Gerry

The setback could prompt

means he will not be able to ful-

of the season.

by for McCoist.

Brian Laudrup and Gordon

Stuart McCall and Paul Gas-

games but there is little doubt Ally McCoist is the only inthey have their sights set on jury doubt for Rangers with the Rangers. They beat Slavia Prague 5-0 at home and 1-0 33-year-old striker having a slight hamstring problem. If McCoist makes it, he will join away to reach the league section. Their coach, Christian Gross, Durie in a side geared to attack alongside a midfield pair of

has nine players from Switzerland's Euro 96 squad to choose from, plus the Romanian international Viorel Moldovan, a

Leicester offer spot to released Slater

Gary Mabbutt underwent an operation last night to have a metal pin inserted in the left leg Career.

The 27-year-old Slater has been released by Ipswich and the Leicester manager, Martin O'Neill, said: "We have offered him the chance to come here so we can have a look at him." Slater will make a decision when he has recovered from an

Achilles tendon injury. Leicester's Swedish defender Pontus Kamark is set for his comeback to Premiership football. The 27-year-old full-back has been out of action since January after rupturing knee ligaments in his second game for the club, but has made an incredible recovery. "My knee has

Kamark came through a specially arranged friendly against Aston Villa on Monday and could now be thrown straight in against Liverpool at Filbert Street on Sunday. O'Neill said: Having him back in action will be a great boost to our Premiership hopes. He's a crucial part of our plans."

David Beckham, the Man-

former West Ham and Celtic August. The London-born 21vear-old started the campaign by scoring in the 4-0 Charity Shield victory over Newcastle United.

He also hit the target on the opening day of the Premiership campaign with his audacious halfway-line chip as Wimbledon were beaten 3-0.

That helped win him an England debut in the 3-0 World Cup qualifying win in Moldova, with the national coach, Glenn Hoddle, a member of the Carling No 1 awards panel.

Explaining their choice, the awards panel said in a statement: "David Beckham's stunning strike against Wimbledon reminded the world that as well as being able to afford the best, the Premiership can also produce the best

The youngster's all-round ability is a tribute to the youth system that produced him and is further proof that this country's young stars are as good as any in the world."

As well as the Carling Player of the Month trophy, Beckham, who scored his third goal of the season in the 1-1 draw against Derby, will collect £250 and a magnum of Carling cham-

Ghana's Pele on the move

The German Bundesliga side attempt to solve a forward crisis.

coigne. Peter Van Vossen stands summer signing, and the exciting 19-year-old midfielder Jo-Grasshopper have not scored ing 19-year-old midfielder Jo-a goal in their last two league hann Vogel, a Liverpool target.

Leicester City have offered the Carling Player of the Month for midfielder Stuart Slater the chance to revive his Premiership

Francis, said: "I never talk about healed completely and feels very strong, but I do not have my full speed," he said.

eral bids for players, even before son, and had them rejected. I

chester United midfielder, is the pagne.

1860 Munich have signed the Ghanaian striker Abedi Pele on a free transfer from Torino in an

Pele, 33, a member of Olympique Marseille's 1993 Euro-

sidelined with a viral infection. "We want him to do what he does best," said the 1860 trainer, Werner Lorant. "He can dribble, stay on the ball, he's quick, he has a good eye and he can pass. He can set up goals

pean Cup winning team, is can pass. He can set up intended to replace 1860's top and he can score them."

Raif, 21, who currently heads was reported by the German team before the Portuguese Grand Prix a week Sunday. The Schumachers' manager, Willi Weber, was quoted as saving: "We will announce a

But Jordan denied that Schumacher had been recruited for 1997 and said negotiations with several drivers were continuing. "It is just speculation," said the team's spokesperson, Louise Goodman. "We have spoken

number of other people. No decisions have yet been reached about next year and the situa-

tion is still open." If Schumacher does link up with Jordan, he could be partnered by his prother's arch-rival. Damon Hill, who is still seeking a drive after Williams announced that they would not be renewing his contract next

Jordan are one of the frontrunners to sign the World Championship leader and the team manager, Eddie Jordan, last week admitted he was interested in securing the Englishman's services. Hill has also been linked with Benetton, McLaren and the new Stewart Grand Prix team.

Jordan's current drivers, Martin Brundle and the Brazilian Rubens Barrichello, are on one-year contracts and widely expected to be moving on at the end of this season.

Liverpool ready to move for Kinkladze

ALAN NIXON

Liverpool are preparing to of-fer Manchester City £5m for their Georgian midfielder, Georgi Kinkladze.

Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, can expect competi-tion for the unsettled international from Celtic, but the player apparently would prefer to stay in England.

City's search for a new manager has run into another roadbiock. An attempt to lure Howard Kendall back to Maine Road has been rebuffed by the Shiefield United chairman, Mike McDonald. Kendall accepted that decision, saying: "I am aware of what my chairman has said and done. It is flattering to be linked with Manchester City, but I must stress that I am hap-py with Sheffield United."

In Scotland, Tommy McLean, who vacated the manager's job at Raith Rovers yesterday - a week after taking it on - has replaced the sacked Billy Kirkwood at Dundee United, where his brother Jim is chairman.

St Mirren have appointed lain Munro as their manager. Munro, who has left Hamilton to take up the post, replaces Jimmy Bone, who resigned two weeks ago after the First Division club's directors sacked his assistant, Kenny McDowall, in

a cost-cutting move. Hamilton have appointed Sandy Clark as their new manager after the departure of Munro. Clark, a former manager of Hearts, had been assistant to Munro.

Joe Parkinson has signed a lucrative new five-year contract with Everton. The midfielder had been watched by Celtic, but the Goodison Park club moved swiftly to deter him from leaving. Joe Royle, the Everton manager, has tipped Parkinson for future international honours. Ray Harford, the Blackburn

Rovers manager, admitted af-ter the 2-1 defeat by Derby on Monday night that the timing of Alan Shearer's transfer could not have been worse, coming only 19 days before the start of the Premiership campaign.

"You have got to have a game plan as you prepare for the new season. Our game plan was jeopardised by Alan Shearer going when he did," Harford said. "Nothing was sorted out until after he came back from holiday following the European championships. Then we had injuries to people who can play up front like Chris Sutton, Paul Warhurst and Kevin Gallacher.

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"Sometimes you have to take punches in this game and that is what I have learned to do."

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Other sports

Ajax's slump gives confidence to Auxerre have been expected to automatically pick up three points

away to Auxerre in their opening Champions' League match tonight. However, the Dutch team's fortunes have swung dramatically since they lost their title in the European Cup final against Juventus in May. Now the French champions have every chance of a repeat of their victory over Ajax in the Uefa Cup quarter-finals in

March 1993, a first-leg success that helped them eliminate the Franck Raharivony, one of four Auxerre players who survive from that match, said: 'Ajax have a very Cruyff style, meaning they use wingers who play well wide and with very few

touches of the ball. It's a very

difficult style to play against, but

FOOTBALL RESULTS Yesterday's results

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Patrik Berger may miss Liverpool's European Cup-Winners Cup first round away leg against Finnish side My-Pa 47 tomorrow. The £3,25m midfielder has been called up by the Czech Republic for the World Cup qualifier against Malta in Prague the following Wednesday, and his club may be forced to release him because of the five full-day ruling before competitive matches. Berger could also be excluded from Liverpool's trip to Leicester on Sunday, where he was hoping to make his Premiership debut.

A few months ago Ajax would we're going to try to do it for the members of their fourth Eurosecond time. It's not unlike our game, but we're less technical, less clever. But maybe if we can raise our game, after a match or two, we'll get to their

The Auxerre coach, Guy Roux, who is five matches short of Robert Herbin's French record of 47 European matches in charge, does not believe Ajax should be underestimated just because they lost at Niimegen on Sunday, a third straight away defeat without

scoring this season. "Ajax are still Ajax, even if they're down at the moment. It's essentially because matches in the Dutch championship are

very tough," he said.
The match marks a departure

Hungary's leading swimming

official has resigned following

allegations that half the coun-

try's team went to Atlanta based

on a qualifying competition

that did not take place, an Olympic committee official said

the Hungarian Swimming Fed-eration, did not know about the

fraud before it appeared in the

press," said Lajos Babati, the sec-

retary of the Hungarian Olympic

Committee. He added that the

discovery of the fraud would not

affect the Olympic results of the Hungarian swimming team who

were the country's most suc-

cessful squad in Atlanta, taking

three golds, one silver and two

According to reports in the

national daily newspaper Nap-

szava, the results of a swimming

contest that supposedly took

bronze medais.

Tamas Gyarfas, the head of

pean Cup-winning side in 1995 and Auxerre taking part in the competition for the first time. Auxèrre did not, however, spend the off-season specifically preparing for the Champions'

League.
"That would have been suicidal for the club to change methods even if it had been feasible in a few mouths. We preferred to consolidate as we have usually done. It's true that may not be quite enough for the Champions' League, but it's the matches that will tell us that." Roux said.

While Ajax have lost Edgar Davids, Finidi George, Nwankwo Kanu and Michael Reiziger and sustained numerous injury worries and suspenfor both sides, with Ajax re- sions, Auxerre have had to plug building after the loss of key gaps left by their departed

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away defeat at Strasbourg.

Kluivert through injury, welcome back their winger Marc Overmars to European competition following injury in December 1995 to team up again in attack with the formidable Finnish striker. Jari Litmanen. Winston Bogarde, the Netherlands defender, is expected to pass a late fitness test.

backbone of Laurent Blanc. Corentin Martins and Christonbe Cocard, Australia's Ned Zelic has stepped into Blanc's boots and helped the Auxerre defence keep five clean sheets in six league games this season, with just one biccup in a 2-1

Ajax, deprived of Patrick

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Rugby Union

Eleven of the 22-member Hungarian team had not met Olympic qualification times, so a phantom meet was held and European Cup campaign. imaginary times were entered. Ruza, although taking full responsibility for the take, did not resign. He told Hungarian radio that this was an international practice and that Fina, the

However, an official from stances, we may have to consider Fina's statistics office said that he did not know about the fraud, and had even found some swimmers' results suspiciously good. The HOC said only swimming and athletics results were susceptible to fraud and that they would only consider supervision of further swimming results less experienced players." he said. "But the problem is that if the federations themselves place between 6 and 8 June but did not take care of the issue.

Caledonia cut to the quick by injuries

Newly-formed Caledonia, a combination of the district sides North and Midlands, have been depleted by injuries just four weeks before the start of their Heineken

They are resigned to being without four internationals - the Scotland captain, Rob Wainwright, lock Stuart Campbell, hooker Kevin McKenzie and prop John Manson - and the half-backs Ken Harper and Mark McKenzie. "In such extreme circum-

drafting players into the district," the Caledonia coach, lan Rankin, said. "It would have to be a decision for the SRU." Rankin admits his team will be going into Europe with inadequate preparation. "We had just one training game against Nottingham using some of the

back until the week before the cup begins. It will be very difficalt to have quality sessions. Players, after all, do need rest." The Caledonia captain, Dave

McIvor, said: "We could be at a huge disadvantage without these key players. The calendar of events in Scotland should be looked at more closely. It is sig-nificant that in breland there will be no league matches until December. Moreover, the English Welsh and French clubs' sides will have been playing together for a number of weeks. I don't think that we have been given

a fair chance by the SRU." Caledonia will play both their home games - against Ulster on 13 October and Brive a week later - at McDiarmid Park, the home of St Johnstone. The Perth stadium will also play host to Scottish Select v Australia on 5 November and Scotland Development XV v Queensland on

Jordan play down Schumacher signing

Motor racing

Jordan-Peugeot yesterday played down reports that Raif Schumacher, the brother of Michael, the reigning world champion, would be joining

them next year. the Formula 3,000 standings, daily newspaper Bild to be sign-ing for the Silverstone-based deal at the race in Estoril next

with Schumacher's management, but have also talked to a

England give reformed Tufnell one last chance

Cricket Correspondent

It is not usual to take aboard complicated baggage when you intend to travel light. But if there were few surprises in England's 15-man squad to tour Zimbabwe and New Zealand, the recall of Phil Tufnell confirms that England still like to carry explosives when they go abroad.

Tufnell, a man whose behaviour on four overseas tours has ranged from the petulant to the psychotic, was thought unlikely to tour again after a succeserton, sought to wash their hands of his disruptive influence.

Although it is doubtful that Gooch has revised his doubts over the spinner, Atherton obviously has, at least for the moment. The "Cat" may be back. and although Illingworth would not be drawn into confirming it. be is on the last of his nine lives. said: "Athers spoke to Gatt last For Iufnell, though, who has 74 week and was assured that

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first-class wickets this season - a sion of captains, including timely 13 of them last week Graham Gooch and Mike Athtion will come as just reward for a corner turned and a season spent knuckling down to his cricket. It is a view shared by his county captain, Mike Gatting, whose subsequent eulogy helped secure the spinner his place.

It was a point Illingworth reinforced yesterday when he

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Tufnell had improved in the direction that we wanted him to improve. His reference turned the scales, though the captain wasn't against him going."
For Illingworth, announcing

his last team with a combination of ennui and relief, this was something of a climbdown from a statement earlier in the summer: that it was not worth picking a player they would not choose for a tour. That they do so now either suggests David

two-year deal as coach, is confident that he and John Emburey can get through to Tufnell. or that there are simply no proven alternatives of spinners who turn it away from the bat. That is something wrist-spinner Ian Salisbury's subsequent absence from either tour party

The two other surprises in the main squad - which apparently took less time to pick than the Á team that sets off to Australia in six weeks' time with Adam Hollioake as captain - were the appointment of Nasser Hussain as vice-captain and the inclusion of the 21-year-old Yorkshire seamer, Chris Silverwood.

would appear to confirm.

Hussain's appointment to the post previously held by Alec Stewart will not surprise those who witnessed his captaincy of the England A team last winter. An astute tactician, he has always been consulted by Atherton, the man he apparently is

looking to the future," said Illingworth, perhaps unaware that Hussain is just five days younger than Atherton. "Mike is happy to carry on as long as things are going well and he is scoring runs. But if things went hadly this winter or against Aus-

tralia next year, he may think

again, and that's when we'll look

to appoint a younger captain."
Youth was the also the reason given for Silverwood's elevation from county to country, a haul of 42 wickets at an average of 30 not normally being sufficient to clinch a berth on a senior tour in your first full season of county cricket. "We decided to take one young one who we believed has a future in the game," Illingworth said. "He is a genuinely nice lad who just gets

won't let anyone down. This reasoning appears flawed, however, and if England hope to turn Silverwood into a top being groomed to replace. "It's Test bowler, "nice" should not nothing against Alec; we're just come into it. Richard Hadlee,

on and bowls. He enjoys his

cricket and will do all right. He

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P M Such (Essex) Dennis Lillee and Malcolm Marshall were hardly known or picked for their niceness. Silverwood is the epitome of

an English bowler; hard-working, with occasional outbreaks of swing and seam, a stereotype England must resist if they are to compete successfully away from home. If England really wanted to be progressive, they should have taken Ashley Cowan. True, the young Essex pace-

ASSIGNATIVE Oct 31-Nov 3 v New South Water, 2nd 30 Teamerth); 6 v South Australia (Adeiaida Oval); 8-11 v South Australia (Adeiaida Oval); 15-18 v Australian Ottser Academy (Mount Garabler); 21-34 v Victoria (MOL); Mehoume); 28 v Australia Capital Testitory (Carbora).

Saturday - on a pitch Silverwood would no doubt have got a hat-ful upon - but his pace and height mean he has more chance of developing into a wicket-taker on flat pitches. Which is what Test cricket is all about and why Eng-

land tend to struggle. Even Dominic Cork has found the going difficult, failing to recapture the heady form of last season when he provided England with their first reliable Willis era. Cork will go on both legs of the tour, but will do litthe bowling outside the Tests, leaving the bulk of it to Mulially, Caddick, Gough and Silverwood. Instead, he will spend more time doing remedial exercises to bulk up the muscles around his wonky knees.

Essex's Ronnie Irani won the battle of the all-rounders, apparently beating both Hollioake and Mark Ealham on the strength of his batting and attitude. Ealham joins Hollioake in the A team, a squad which combines youth and inexperience in the form of the 17-yearold Middlesex player Owais Shah with the experience of players like Esser's 32-yearold off-spinner Peter Such.

In the best traditions of Edith Piaf, Illingworth said he had no regrets over his term as chairman of selectors. "I think we're a bit better now than when I started," he said. "I expect us to win, and win well, this winter. Otherwise, we've got problems."

Leeds quick to usher in Graham

Football

With almost indecent haste, Leeds United confirmed George Graham as their new manager yesterday. Barely 24 hours after Howard Wilkinson's tenure was terminated at a news conference, the former Arsenal manager told a similar gathering of his determination to challenge for the championship again.

Graham, whose year-long ban from football ended in June, had been out of the game for 14 months since being found guilty of misconduct in the Rune Hauge "bungs" affair. He will oversee training today and study adeos of their recent (ames ce fore Saturday's visit to Coventry.

Bill Fotherby, the Leeds chairman, insisted he had not met the 51-year-old Scot until 7am that morning. Graham has accepted a two-and-a-half-year contract on a salary of £300,000. He said he had been "dying to get back, but obviously to the right job, somewhere near the top of the League and where the

expectations are big". Fotherby admitted the board had considered Graham's selfconfessed folly in accepting "unsolicited gifts" of £425.000 from Hauge, a Norwegian agent. "We discussed what hap-

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pened to him," he said, "but decided it wasn't relevant."

Chris Akers, the chairman of the Caspian Group which bought control of Leeds during the summer, said they had acted quickly because they did not want "a void". He added: "When we took over we looked at Howard Wilkinson's record and wanted to stick with him. But it didn't work out. It was a case of seeing whether he could turn things round. Unfortu-

nately he couldn't." Graham is expected to try to lure Stewart Houston from his caretaker manager's role at Highbury as his No 2 David O'Leary is also tipped to join his backroom team, while some of Caspian's £10m kitty for sign-Bould and Ian Wright

"I've got to stamp my way of working on my staff and players, and bring in some new blood," Graham said. "Sometimes people get stale at their job, and it needs an infusion of

"I'd like us to be challenging for the championship and go for trophies. I did that in my last job. I'm not promising overnight success because I don't believe in it. Success is built with good foundations and a lot of hard work on the training pitch."

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Wilkinson, whose eight-year reign ended after a 4-0 defeat by Manchester United. "Howard did a great job for Leeds, and the fans should remember the good times. There's always sadness when a manager leaves. That's

the way of our profession, but life

goes on in football." Leeds, who have failed to build on their title success of 1992, were clearly attracted by Graham's record. In his nine years at Arsenal, they won the championship twice, the FA Cup and League Cup "double", and the European Cup-Win-

ners Cup. Yet his teams were also labelled "boring", and despite his reputation as a disciplinarian there were problems with drinkholism and gambling (Paul Merson) and spitting (Wright). Before his sacking, 19 months ago, some observers felt Graham had become a lame-duck manager. Results were poor and the

Hauge scandal persisted. Leeds supporters, however, are used to their team being unloved; and Don Revie, their most successful manager, was no stranger to allegations of financial misdemeanours. Speaking on Radio Five Live, one fan welcomed Graham, saying: Boring, boring Leeds will do me as long as we're winning

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Back in work: George Graham is a happy man at Elland Road yesterday after being named as the Leeds manager

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Saunders supports **Crossley for Wales**

Wales manager, Bobby Gould, with to give his Nottingham Forest team-mate Mark Crossley the chance to fulfil his international ambitions.

Crossley was said to be attracting the interest of the Scotland manager, Craig Brown, last season, although Frank Clark, the Forest manager, discounted such stories, which he claimed were affecting the form of the Barnsley-born goal-

Now the 27-year-old Crossley has revealed that he is also qualified to play for Wales as well as England, and Saunders has expressed his wish to play alongside his club keeper in the national side as Wales attempt to qualify for the 1998 World

Cup finals.
"I don't know what Mark

Dean Saunders has urged the and I will be having a word Bobby Gould,"

Saunders said. "I'm sure we would love to have him playing for us. He's in the top bracket in the Premier League. The save he produced on Saturday late on against Leicester's Ian Marshall was the equivalent of a last-minute

Crossley admitted: "I'm desperate to play international football, whoever it might be for. Nothing came of the Scotland thing, but I'm qualified on three fronts.

"I was born in England, my grandmother was Scottish and she was married to a Welshman, which means I can play for them as well.

"My form did dip at the end of last season for various reasons but I sorted things out in wants to do, but I am trying the summer, signed a new conto get him to play for Wales tract and am getting back to my

best. I've got no shortage of faith in my ability."

Clark, the Forest manager, said: "The story about Mark being wanted by Scotland caused embarrasment to Craig Brown. I know Craig and he would not contact any of my players without coming through me. It was a story put about by certain people who I won't name, but it did Mark no favours.

The publicity got to him a hit, the contract situation became a bigger issue because of it and towards the end of last season he was off his game. He has come through all that and I'd be delighted if he was picked now by someone.

"People talk about their in ternational hopes, but they will take care of themselves if they perform. If you are on top of your form, all the international

Arsenal still waiting on Wenger

when their manager-elect. Arsene Wenger, will take control at Highbury, according to the Frenchman's current club. Grampus Eight.

The Gunners played Borus-sia Monchengiadbach in a Uefa Cup first-round first leg tie at Highbury last night still under the control of the caretakermanager, Stewart Houston, who may join George Graham

at Leeds United. The Japanese club said negotiations over the date of Wenger's departure have not yet been completed. "Talks between him and the team have

spokesman, Masaharu Teshima,

We are in the final stages of negotiations. The biggest question now is when he leaves. We will have problems if he leaves the team early.

Who will replace Wenger? When can we have a new coach? These are the problems which need to be cleared."

Teshima said Grampus, who play in Japan's J-League, wanted the 47-year-old former Monaco coach to see out his two-year contract, which expires in January. Wenger played 11 profes-

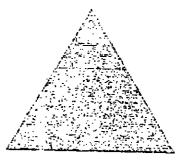
Arsenal have yet to discover heen going on," the Grampus sional matches at Strashourg before launching a highly successful career in management, first with the north-castern French club, then at nearby Nancy.

He was appointed chief coach at Monaco in 1987, guiding them to the French title after signing the now England coach. Glenn Hoddle, and the former

England striker Mark Hateley. Arsenal, who sacked Bruce Rioch the week before the Premiership season began, are currently eighth in the table under the caretaker stewardship of Houston following Saturday's 2-2 draw with Aston Villa.



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